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PREFACE

This inventory of Franklin County records constitutes a part of a general guide to the county archives of Indiana. It has been prepared by the Historical Records Survey of this state, operating as a separate project under the Works Progress Administration.

The survey of state and local historical records in Indiana was instituted on February 19, 1936, as part of a nation-wide undertaking under the supervision of Dr. Luther H. Evans. Samuel J. Kagan, state archivist of the Indiana History and Archives Division of the State Library, was assigned to lead the project as State Director. In the beginning the Survey was closely associated with the Writers' Project. On September 23, 1936, the Historical Records Survey was nominally as well as factually made independent of the Writers' Project. In general, it has from its very inception acted as a separate and independent unit of Federal Project No. 1.

The aim and purpose of the survey of county records in Indiana have been to furnish the officials of the local, state, and national governments, students of history, lawyers, and genealogists, and the general citizenry interested in the county records, with a convenient tool for use in consulting them. It is the object of the Survey to make the valuable source materials that are to be found in the Indiana courthouses and other public buildings, available and more accessible to those who may be in need of them. It is our hope that the information contained in this inventory will arouse greater interest in state and local historical records and will encourage officials

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to continue the improvement of methods for the preservation and safekeeping of these records.

The field work of the survey of Franklin County was begun on May 9, 1936, under the district supervision of Norbert Meyers who was succeeded by Clem Montgomery. The field workers were Roy Bridgeford and Robert M. Fields of Liberty, and Lillian DeArmond of Laurel. It was completed on July 8, 1936. Many visits, however, have since been made to the county courthouse to check and recheck the information contained herein, the final recheck having been in September, 1937.

There are ninety-two counties in Indiana. When the inventory of county archives is completed a separate volume is to be devoted to each county inventory in the state. Franklin County is No. 24.

The inventory proper is preceded by a number of introductory sections to enlighten the reader concerning facts and events forming the background and basis of the records. The entries for the record series are carried in consecutive numbering for the county. The bureaus are arranged in functional order: Governing boards; major administrative offices; judicial offices; and financial, educational, health, engineering, and other groups. Wherever applicable, natural groupings under separate headings are made within the bureau, and the entries are arranged thereunder also according to their functional sequence. A full and extensive index following the inventory will help the reader locate records with a minimum of inconvenience and effort.

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The editing of this inventory has been conducted by an editorial staff of some forty men and women whose labors we deeply appreciate and wish to recognize forthwith,—captained by Harry A. Rider, editor; John R. Milligan in charge of accession and classifying; Louise Nation in charge of checking; Canis E. Brockway in charge of condensing; Julius Salzman, legal advisor; and Howard G. Underwood, historical research editor.

The original survey was made in the field under the direction of the State Director and carefully checked and compiled in the form of this inventory in the State Office. Of the industrious and painstaking devotion to his task of each and every person who had a part in the Survey we are keenly aware, and we regret that we cannot commend by name ~~the services of~~ ^{services} all who have contributed to the publication of this volume.

The Survey is indebted to county officials; to the State Works Progress Administration; to Kenneth E. Lancet, Acting Director of Women's and Professional Projects, who has rendered the Survey a great personal service in the administering of the project; and to Dr. Christopher B. Coleman, who has taken personal initiative and interest in behalf of the Survey in giving technical advice to the project.

S. J. Kagan, State Director
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A guide to county and township records in Indiana has long been needed by both local officials and the general public. The Works Progress Administration project called the Historical Records Survey is the first attempt to supply this need. Few more useful fields of employment could have been found than the survey of local and state historical records, even though the work inevitably presented unusual difficulties. The completion of the survey of historical records in Indiana is a source of genuine satisfaction.

We are indebted first of all to the World Progress Administration for providing for the survey and financing it. The National Director of the project, Dr. Luther W. Evans, assured a fruitful product of the work by ably outlining it and drafting the forms to be used by the field workers so as to insure the greatest completeness with the least likelihood of errors. He and his assistants have done all that was possible for this nation-wide survey. Samuel J. Lagan, State Director of Indiana, deserves great credit for his energy and ability in organizing the office and field forces which have carried out the project. To assemble and organize more than one hundred and fifty persons in a new line of work in which there were very few local precedents, and to complete a survey of the county records in all the ninety-two counties, including the townships, at first, seemed almost impossible of accomplishment within a year. It has, however, been accomplished.

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An advisory committee has helped guide work upon the project; though no meetings were held, its members in many instances were a great help. A word of appreciation must be recorded here for the county officers who courteously gave the representatives of the survey access to the records in their offices and cooperated in the making of the survey. Especially is the state indebted to those officers who made possible the photographing of old records for preservation in a central depository.

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PART A. FRANKLIN COUNTY AND ITS RECORDS SYSTEM

1. HISTORICAL SKETCH

Franklin County, situated in the eastern part of Indiana, is bounded on the north by Fayette and Union Counties, on the west by Rush and Decatur Counties, on the south by Ripley and Dearborn Counties, and on the east by the State of Ohio. The county has an area of three hundred and ninety-four square miles.

The topography of Franklin County ranges from undulating to hilly. The land surface is deeply dissected by stream valleys, many of them three hundred feet deep. The whole county is drained by the White Water River and its tributaries. The east and west forks of White Water unite at Brookville; the stream then flows in a southeasterly direction and empties into the Miami River in Ohio. Pipe and Salt Creeks are tributaries in the western portion of the county, and Yellow Bank and Blue Creeks drain the central parts. Big and Little Cedar Creeks are the principal tributaries in the eastern sections of the county.

The English landed and settled at Jamestown in 1607. The French founded Quebec a year later, and began a series of explorations to the south and west that eventually carried LaSalle to the mouth of the Mississippi river. On April 9, 1682, he claimed the entire river valley in the name of France and called it Louisiana after his king. In Indiana, French trading posts had been established on the present sites of Fort Wayne, Lafayette, and Vincennes by 1733. Rivalry between the English and French over

the Mississippi and Ohio Valleys and the valuable fur trade which had grown up, led to the French and Indian war. As a result, Louisiana was ceded to England by the Treaty of Paris, February 10, 1763. Shortly after the outbreak of the American Revolution, General George Rogers Clark captured the British posts at Kaskaskia and Vincennes, and the Middle West came into ^{the} possession of Virginia. In 1784, this vast empire--Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, and part of Minnesota--was ceded to the United States Government, and three years later the ordinance providing for the establishment and government of ^{the} Northwest Territory was passed by Congress. Indiana Territory was organized in 1800, and in 1816 Indiana was admitted into the Union.

The area within the limits of Franklin County was included in four treaties of cession between Indian tribes claiming this land and the United States Government. The Treaty of Greenville, August 3, 1795, included almost all the eastern half of the county; the treaty of Grouseland, August 21, 1805, included a triangular strip of land on the southern boundary of the county; the Twelve Mile Purchase, September 30, 1809, was concluded by William Henry Harrison at Fort Wayne; and finally, on October 2-6, 1818, the Treaty of St. Marys covering the New Purchase brought the remainder of Franklin County into the possession of the United States Government, though the Indians still claimed it.

The first permanent settler within the limits of Franklin County was Benjamin McCarty, who came to the present site of New Trenton on May 25, 1803. The next year, Robert Hanna and Robert Tomploton, natives of South Carolina, came to Franklin County and

built cabins. The exact location of the settlement in Franklin County is unknown. David Stoops and Amos Butler settled on the river west of the present site of Brookville in 1805. Stoops was the father of twenty-three children, several of whom took a leading part in the history of the county. William Tyner, among the first to settle in this township, established his residence at the river southeast of Brookville. John Quick also was an early settler in this neighborhood; he built his cabin in 1809 and entered land the next year.

Franklin County, the seventh to be organized in the state, was formed by an act of the territorial legislature, approved November 27, 1810. The county was formed out of territory previously attached to Jefferson, Clark, and Dearborn Counties. The legal boundaries of the new county were: "Beginning at the corner of townships number 7 and 8, on the line of the state of Ohio, thence north, until the same arrives at fort Recovery, thence, from fort Recovery southwardly, with the line of the western boundary of the purchase made at fort Wayne, in the year one thousand eight hundred and nine, until the same intersects the line of the northern boundary of the purchase made at Grouseland, thence northwardly, with the line of the last mentioned purchase until the same arrives at a point from which a due east and west line will strike the corner of town seven and eight on the aforesaid state of Ohio line."

"... The Same is hereby divided into two separate and distinct counties by a line beginning at the corner of townships number eleven and twelve, on the line of the state of Ohio, and from thence

due west until the same intersects the line of the western boundary of the before mentioned purchase of Fort Wayne... the tract of country falling within the southern division thereof shall be known and designated by the name and style of the county of Franklin." (1)

On December 28, 1813, Franklin County lost territory in the northwest corner when Fayette County was founded, (2) and on January 20, 1820, a triangular strip of land lying within the New Purchase was attached to Franklin County. (3) When Union County was formed, January 5, 1821, Franklin County lost more territory. (4) On January 16, 1826, another strip of Franklin was added to Union County. (5)

The first officials to administer the affairs of the newly formed county were Enock McCarty, clerk and recorder; Robert Hanna, sheriff and tax collector; and Robert Templeton, treasurer. The judges of the first county court, which at that time also performed the duties of the county commissioners, were Benjamin McCarty, John Templeton, and Thomas Brown.

Locating commissioners, appointed to fix the county seat, selected Brookville, and an act of the territorial legislature, approved December 5, 1811, confirmed their selection. Franklin County was named in honor of Benjamin Franklin. There are thirteen townships in the county: Bath, Blooming Grove, Brookville, Butler, Fairfield, Highland, Laurel, Metamora, Posey, Ray, Salt Creek, Springfield, and White Water.

The first court of common pleas met at Brookville on March 4, 1811, in a tavern owned by James Knight, with judges Benjamin McCarty, John Templeton, and Thomas Brown on the bench. The first session of circuit court in the county began June 24, 1811, before United State judge, Benjamin Parke.

The first courthouse in the county was constructed of logs sometime in 1811 or 1812, and stood on the present public square. This building soon became inadequate, and on November 22, 1814, the construction of the second courthouse was ordered. This was a three story brick building, forty feet square. It was completed in 1817. On May 2, 1829, a fire proof building containing two rooms was ordered erected on the public square, and on June 2, 1843, a four-room brick building was erected to house the county offices.

The population of Franklin County has been decreasing steadily since 1890. Between 1910 and 1920, the decrease was 3.4%; during the period 1920-30, it was 2.1%. In 1920, according to the United States Census, there were 14,498 persons living in the county. Of this number, 62% were listed as farm rural. Only 1% was foreign-born white, and no Negroes listed. The incorporated towns in the county--Brookville, Cedar Grove, Laurel, Oldenburg, and Mount Carmel--have not changed much; on the average their populations have remained about the same.

Franklin County is predominaantly agricultural. The principal crops raised are corn and wheat, and more hogs are raised than beef and dairy cattle. The only mineral resources in the county are sand, gravel, and limestone. At present, the only manufacturing

in the county is a canning factory. A furniture factory and a paper mill, located in Brookville, have not been operated for some time.

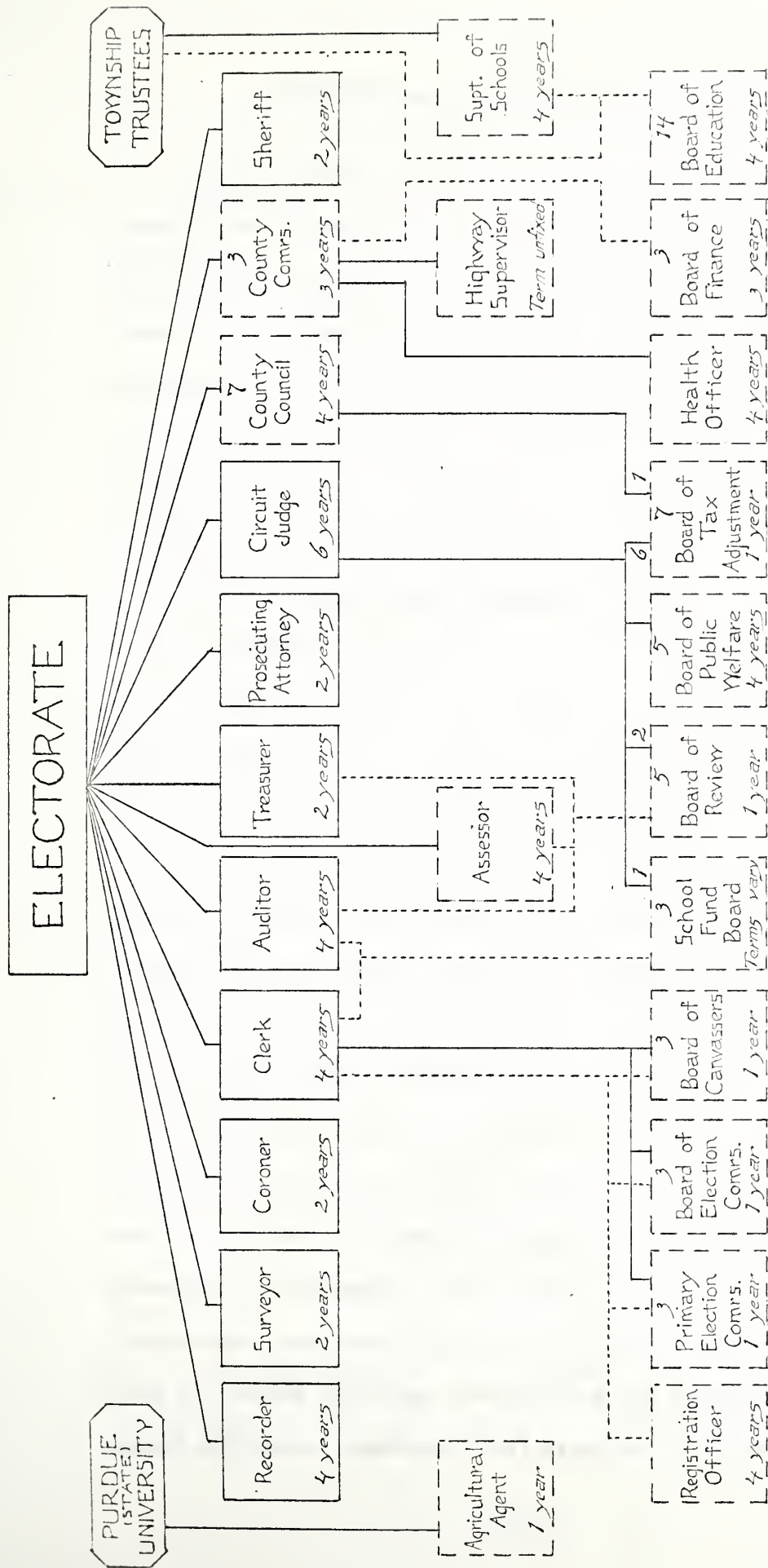
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Squares with solid lines - constitutional officers.
Squares with broken lines - statutory officers.

Figures - number of members and term of office.

Solid lines - elected or appointed.
Broken lines - ex officio.

Chart of Franklin County Governmental Organization

2. GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION AND RECORDS SYSTEM

Franklin County, with its county seat at Brookville, is a subdivision of the State of Indiana for administrative, judicial, and political purposes. It is a creature of the legislature and possesses only such powers of local government as are conferred by acts of the legislature or are incident and necessary to carry out the provisions thereof. Created by the state, the county is subject to legislative control at any time and its powers may be amplified, or diminished without its consent.

Franklin County was organized by an act of the General Assembly, effective January 1, 1811. (1) Its present government, as it functions today, is the result of its development under the original Constitution of 1816, the present Constitution adopted in 1851, and more than a century of legislative action.

The county system of government is an inheritance from England and the American Colonies, whence pioneers in Indiana brought their customs and laws. Its beginnings in Indiana are found in the laws of the Northwest Territory, which recognized the counties already established, and provided for courts and administrative officers, as follows: General court of quarter sessions of the peace, county court of common pleas, (2) and court of probate, (3) commissioners, (4) sheriff, (5) coroner, (6) recorder, (7) treasurer, (8) (circuit court). (9) These officers were appointed by either the governor or the court. The laws of Indiana Territory provided for the appointment of additional officers: Surveyor, (10) assessor, (11) prosecuting

attorney, (12) and county agent who conveys and receives conveyances of public lands. (13)

When Franklin County was organized in 1811, its government followed the form outlined above. With the changes enumerated below, the original organization continued practically unchanged for nearly forty years.

In the year of 1816 Indiana was admitted to the Union and the constitution of that year provided for the election in each county of a clerk of the circuit court, (14) recorder, (15) sheriff, and coroner, (16) and continued the other territorial officers until superseded. (17)

The legislature, in 1817, established a body called the board of commissioners, elected by the voters of the county; (18) the office of treasurer, who was appointed by the board of commissioners; (19) and in 1818 the office of surveyor, who was appointed and commissioned by the Governor of the state. (20)

In 1824, the board of commissioners was abolished, and its functions conferred upon the justices of the peace of the county, who constituted the board for doing county business, (21) until in 1831 the board of commissioners was reestablished, which consisted of three members elected by the voters. (22) In 1831 the legislature made the surveyor an appointee of the board of commissioners, (23) and in 1841 created the elective office of auditor. (24)

As the state grew, there was much dissatisfaction with the Constitution of 1816, but repeated attempts to change it did not

succeed until 1850, when a constitutional convention was called which framed a new constitution. (25) This constitution was submitted to the qualified voters of the state and adopted in 1851 and proclaimed by the governor to be effective on November 1, 1851, and with amendments, remains the Constitution of Indiana. (26)

Each county is a political subdivision of the state and has an individual governmental organization. Although the Constitution of 1851 forbids special legislation, (27) and the general outline of the organization of county government remains the same, the general assembly has provided the necessary variations to take care of local needs and conditions. These variations lie chiefly in the number of officers and courts provided for counties within classifications based upon population. Urban and rural areas obviously cannot be ruled by the same number of officers. Each county has the constitutional officers, but the statutory officers vary in number, powers, and duties. The latter officers may be compulsory in all counties, or they may be optional and therefore established in only a few instances; others are authorized in only certain classes of counties, though the class may include only one county.

Indiana stands alone among the states of the Union in having a dual system of county governing boards, since the establishment in each county of a county council in 1899. (28) Each county is governed by a board of commissioners and a county council. The duties of these agencies, with technical distinction, are enumerated in their proper places below.

From the beginning of the present century a tendency toward centralization of power in the hands of state authorities has taken from county officials many of their powers and duties and has greatly lessened the scope of those remaining. In older fields of finance, roads, and education, the state's supervision has greatly increased, and the creation of newer state departments such as police, food and fire inspection, and public welfare, has caused heavy removal of local responsibility and control.

Present Administration

The Constitution of 1851 reorganized the governmental structure, enlarging the number of constitutional officers to be elected by the people of the county, as follows: (29)

Clerk of the circuit court, who, by statutory provision, keeps the records of the proceedings of all county courts and performs other administrative duties, including serving as registration officer and member of the county election boards.

Recorder, who makes and preserves a public record of all legal documents, both official and private, as may be prescribed by law.

Sheriff, who is conservator of the peace and executes orders of the county courts and boards.

Coroner, who holds inquests in all cases of death by violence and of suspicious circumstances.

Treasurer, who receives and disburses all county moneys

including the collection of taxes, and serves as ex-officio member of the board of review.

Auditor, who, the financial agent of the county, compiles the county budget estimates, prepares the tax duplicates and serves as clerk and member of several county boards.

Surveyor, who has charge of all surveying and civil engineering work of the county, including the maintenance of drainage systems. (30)

The constitution also empowered the legislature to prescribe such other officers as may become necessary. (31) Under this authority the legislature has from time to time established the following statutory officers and boards:

Board of commissioners, the leading governing body of the county, often called the "county board", or the "board for doing county business". It consists of three members elected for terms of three years. The board furnishes and maintains county buildings and grounds, administers the financial transactions of the county and audits the accounts of all officers who handle moneys of the county, and is responsible for the maintenance of county highways. (32)

County council, another governing body, created in 1899, (33) to control the finances of county government. This council consists of seven members, elected for terms of four years. The council has power to fix the tax rate for county purposes and for all purposes where the rate is not fixed by law and is required to be uniform throughout the county; to adopt the county budget and

the exclusive right to make appropriations from the county treasury; and the exclusive power to authorize the borrowing of money and the issuing of bonds. (34)

Superintendent of schools, in 1875, (35) who has general superintendence of all schools of the county outside of incorporated cities and towns. (36) Elected by the township trustees, (37) he is ex-officio member and president of the county board of education. (38)

Board of education, in 1875, (39) consisting since an amendment of 1877, of the superintendent of schools, township trustees, and the chairman of school trustees of each city and town of the county. The board considers the general wants and needs of the schools and school property, and all matters relating to the purchase of school furniture, books, maps, and charts. (40)

Health officer, in 1881, originally secretary of the board of health, (41) abolished by an act of 1909, which created the office of health commissioner, (42) whose title was changed in 1935 to health officer. He is appointed by the board of commissioners and must be legally qualified to practice medicine, and enforces the health laws of the state. (43)

Assessor, in 1891, (44) who instructs and advises the township assessors, reviews their returns and examines the tax duplicates, assesses omitted real and personal property, (45) and appraises estates for inheritance taxes. (46) He is elected by the voters of the county, (47) and is ex-officio member and president of the board of review. (48)

Board of review, in 1891, whose members are the county assessor, auditor, and treasurer, (49) and, by an amendment of 1919, two freeholders of opposite political parties, appointed by the judge of the circuit court. (50) This board equalizes tax assessments as between townships or other taxing units and between individual property owners, and may set aside the aggregate assessment, if too high or too low, of the whole county or any taxing unit thereof and order a new assessment. (51)

Board of finance, in 1907, consisting of the board of commissioners, with the auditor as secretary. (52) This board has the custody of county funds and selects the depositories, (53) apportioning the deposits among the banks in agreement with other municipal corporations in the county according to the total resources of the depositories. (54)

Agricultural agent, in 1913, who, under the supervision of Purdue University, conducts farmers' institutes and other movements for the advancement of agriculture and country life, and aids the superintendent of schools and the teachers of the county in agricultural education and domestic science. He is appointed by the director of agricultural extension service of Purdue University, subject to the approval of the state board known as the county agricultural agents' board. (55)

Highway supervisor, in 1933, who supervises, under the direction of the board of commissioners, the repair and maintenance of all county highways. The board of commissioners makes the appointment and may appoint the surveyor as highway supervisor.

However, the board of commissioners of Franklin County has appointed an extra officer as highway supervisor. (56)

Board of tax adjustment, in 1933, consisting of seven members (57) who, by an amendment of 1937, are: One member of the county council, chosen by the council; the mayor of the largest city in the county or any public official of any city in the county, appointed by the mayor of the largest city of the county; one member of the county board of education, selected by such board; and four freeholders appointed by the judge of the circuit court. The board examines any tax levy and the corresponding items of the budget, and adjusts the tax rate so that it shall not exceed, in any municipal corporation, the total tax rate prescribed by law. (58)

School fund board, in 1935, consisting of three members; the auditor and the clerk of the circuit court, ex officio, and one member appointed by the judge of the circuit court. The board makes all loans from the common school and the congressional township school funds to owners of real estate, duly secured by mortgage. (59)

Department of public welfare, in 1936, (60) comprising the board of public welfare, consisting of five members appointed by the judge of the circuit court, (61) and the director of public welfare, appointed by the board. (62) The department administers the measures of public welfare as prescribed by law and the rules of the state department. (63)

Registration officer, in 1933, who is the clerk ex officio



of the circuit court. He conducts the registration of voters (64) and furnishes a list of the registered voters to the inspector of each precinct. (65)

Board of election commissioners, in 1889, consisting of the clerk of the circuit court and two persons appointed by him, of opposite political parties. The board prepares, prints, and distributes ballots for general elections (66) and appoints the precinct officials. (67)

Board of canvassers, in 1905, which is the board of election commissioners. (68) The board canvasses, tabulates, and compiles the election returns of the county (69) and certifies the candidates elected. (70)

Board of primary election commissioners, in 1915, consisting of the clerk of the circuit court and two persons appointed by him, of opposite political parties. The board prepares, prints, and distributes ballots for primary elections. (71)

Judicial

The judicial system of Franklin County, as of other Indiana counties, is prescribed by the constitution and subsequent acts of the Indiana General Assembly. The constitution authorized and directed that the state be divided into judicial circuits. (72) Franklin County, combined with Union County, constitutes the thirty-seventh circuit, established in 1921. (73) Previously, it was part of a judicial circuit to which other counties were attached. The constitution further provides for the election of

a judge (74) and a prosecuting attorney for the circuit, (75) and a clerk of the circuit court. (76) The circuit court has original exclusive jurisdiction in all cases, criminal, civil, probate, and juvenile, except where exclusive or concurrent jurisdiction is conferred by law upon justices of the peace, and such appellate jurisdiction as is conferred by law. It also has jurisdiction of all other causes, matters, and proceedings where exclusive jurisdiction thereof is not conferred by law upon some other court or office. (77)

Records System

The records of Franklin County began with its creation in 1811. The establishment of each of the county offices and bureaus inaugurated their records which were kept in such fashion as the incumbents saw fit, following in the main the directions of the general assembly under the provisions for each respective office. In 1909, the legislature established the state board of accounts, which formulates, prescribes, and installs systems of accounting and reporting which are uniform for every public office of the same class. (78) Under this law some of the records were combined to eliminate separation, duplication, and overlapping. The board also permits the use of bound loose-leaf records in almost all cases where the records are typed. The quality of the paper and ink and the binding and rebinding practices are left to the judgment of the board of county commissioners, except that a good quality is required.

Whenever it may be necessary for the preservation of the records of any office, it is the duty of the board of commissioners to issue an order directing the officer in charge to copy and transcribe the records. (79)

In 1925 a law was passed permitting county officials, at their discretion, to turn over to the archives division of the state library for permanent preservation, any official books, records, documents, original papers, newspaper files, or printed books and material not in current use in their offices. (80) This law is optional and has been ineffectual. County officials are loath to part with records, even when no longer in use and in spite of lack of storage space, anticipating a possible call for them. Consequently, they have only occasionally availed themselves of this provision for permanent preservation of their old records.

The recorder and other county officers, by an act of 1927, are authorized to record deeds, mortgages, and other instruments by any approved photographic process adopted by the board of commissioners. (81)

In 1937, the general assembly authorized the director of the state library, at his discretion, to make a copy, by photography or in any other way, of any official book, record, document, original paper, newspaper, or printed book or material in any county, city, or other public office, for preservation in the state archives. All public officials must permit copies to be made of the books, records, documents, and papers in their respective offices. (82)

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- (17) Ibid., art. 12, sec. 3.
- (18) Acts 1816-17, ch. 15, sec. 1.
- (19) Ibid., ch. 17, secs. 1-2.
- (20) Acts 1817-18, ch. 30, sec. 1.
- (21) Rev. Laws 1824, ch. 15, secs. 1, 11, 16-17.
- (22) Rev. Laws 1831, ch. 20, secs. 1, 12, 14.
- (23) Ibid., ch. 102, sec. 1.
- (24) Acts 1841, ch. 2, sec. 1.
- (25) Acts 1850, ch. 21, sec. 9.
- (26) Kettleborough, Charles, Constitution Making in Indiana. Vol. 1. p. 222.
- (27) Const., art. 4, sec. 22.
- (28) Acts 1899; Burns 26-501.
- (29) Const., art. 6, sec. 2.
- (30) For citations, see the legal status essays of these offices in Section B.
- (31) Const., art. 6, sec. 3.
- (32) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts 1929; Burns 26-601; 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts 1935; Burns, 1937 suppl., 26-620; Acts 1919; Burns 36-301.
- (33) Acts 1899; Burns 26-501.
- (34) Acts 1899; Burns 26-515, 26-520; Acts 1899, 1921, 1929; Burns 26-532.
- (35) Acts 1873, ch. 25, sec. 2.
- (36) Acts 1899; Burns 28-704.
- (37) Acts 1899, 1911, 1923; Burns 28-702.
- (38) Acts 1873, 1877; Burns 28-801.
- (39) Acts 1873, ch. 25, sec. 8.
- (40) Acts 1873, 1877; Burns 28-801.
- (41) Rev. Stat. 1881, sec. 4993.
- (42) Acts 1891, 1909; Burns 35-108.
- (43) Acts 1935; Burns, 1937 suppl., 35-118.
- (44) Acts 1891, ch. 99, sec. 112.
- (45) Acts 1919; Burns 64-1102.
- (46) Acts 1931, 1933; Burns 6-2408.
- (47) Acts 1919, 1921; Burns 64-1101.
- (48) Acts 1919, 1920 (Spc. Sess.); Burns 64-1201.
- (49) Acts 1891, ch. 99, sec. 114.
- (50) Acts 1919, 1920 (Spc. Sess.); Burns 64-1201.
- (51) Acts 1919; Burns 64-1205.
- (52) Acts 1907; Burns 61-606; Acts 1937; Burns, 1937 suppl., 61-629.
- (53) Acts 1937; Burns, 1937 suppl., 61-636.
- (54) Ibid., 61-635.
- (55) Acts 1913, 1923, 1927, 1937; Burns, 1937 suppl., 28-4911.
- (56) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1103, 36-1110.
- (57) Acts 1933; Burns 64-304.
- (58) Acts 1937; Burns, 1937 suppl., 64-310.
- (59) Acts 1865, 1935; Burns, 1937 suppl., 28-209.

- (60) Acts 1936 (Spc. Sess.);
Burns, 1937 suppl., 52-1117.
- (61) Ibid., 52-1118.
- (62) Ibid., 52-1119.
- (63) Ibid., 52-1120.
- (64) Acts 1933, 1935; Burns,
1937 suppl., 29-306.
- (65) Acts 1933, 1935; Burns,
1937 suppl., 29-317.
- (66) Acts 1889; Burns 29-1002.
- (67) Acts 1929, 1933; Burns
29-804; Acts 1929; Burns
29-805, 29-806, 29-807.
- (68) Acts 1905, 1927; Burns
29-1401.
- (69) Acts 1905; Burns 29-1404.
- (70) Ibid., 29-1405.
- (71) Acts 1915, 1917; Burns
29-504.
- (72) Const., art. 7, sec. 9.
- (73) Acts 1921; Burns 4-332.
- (74) Const., art. 7, sec. 9;
Acts 1881; Burns 4-301.
- (75) Ibid., sec. 11; 2 Rev.
Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2501.
- (76) Ibid., art. 6, sec. 2;
2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns
49-2701.
- (77) Acts 1881 (Spc. Sess.);
Burns 4-303.
- (78) Acts 1909; Burns 60-202,
60-224.
- (79) Acts 1877; Burns 26-634.
- (80) Acts 1925, 1937; Burns,
1937 suppl., 63-830.
- (81) Acts 1927; Burns 49-3207.
- (82) Acts 1925, 1937; Burns,
1937 suppl., 63-830.



Floor plans of first floor to appear here.

3. HOUSING, CARE, AND ACCESSIBILITY OF THE RECORDS

The Franklin County courthouse, located on Main Street between Fourth and Fifth Streets, in Brookville, is the fourth courthouse for that county. The third courthouse was destroyed by fire on February 22, 1852. The extent of the damage to the records is not recorded, but it could not have been great.

Though the present courthouse was completed late in 1852, it has undergone extensive remodeling and is thoroughly modern. Its first remodeling was undertaken in 1877, when the roof was rebuilt; it was renovated again in the years of 1910-1912, during which period the north and south wings were added. As the building stands today, it is 176' in length, 75' in width, and 40' in height, and is constructed of brick and native limestone. The offices of the clerk, the recorder, the sheriff, the assessor, the treasurer, the auditor, the department of public welfare, and the agricultural agent are located on the first floor; the offices of the superintendent of schools and the surveyor on the second floor; and three storage rooms for records in the attic.

Board of Commissioners

The commissioners' records are housed in the auditor's office and record room, the west storage room, and the north storage room (q.v., *infra*).

Floor plans of second floor to appear here.

County Council

All the records of the council are housed in the auditor's office (q.v., *infra*).

Clerk of the Circuit Court

The clerk's main office, private office, and record room lie at the southwest corner of the first floor. These rooms have wooden floors and plastered walls and ceiling; all are well lighted and well ventilated and provide satisfactory accommodations for users of the records. The main office is 46' by 44' by 13'; the private office, 18' by 14' by 13'; and the record room 22' by 17' by 13'. The main office houses 90' of bound volumes and 108' of unbound records in file boxes 13" deep, ample space for expansion being left on the present shelving. The shelving in the private office also allows space for expansion; 30' of bound volumes and 5' of unbound records in file boxes 11" deep are housed here. The shelving in the record room, however, is completely occupied by 305' of bound volumes and 70' of unbound records in file boxes 11" deep, and no space for additional shelving is available. The main office contains 8% of the clerk's records, 52% of the records of the circuit court, and all the records of the coroner, the registration officer, the primary election commissioners, the board of canvassers, and the board of election commissioners; the private office 26% of the clerk's records and 16% of the records of the circuit court; and the record room, 20% of the clerk's records and

Floor plans of attic to appear here.

6% of the records of the circuit court. In the west storage room are 38% of the clerk's records; in the north storage room, 8%; and in the south storage room, 1%.

Recorder

The recorder occupies an office and a record room of the southwest corner of the first floor. These rooms, having wooden floors and plastered walls and ceilings, are in good condition, and are well lighted and well ventilated. Measuring 22' by 17' by 13', the office houses 8' of bound volumes. Much of the shelving is occupied by supplies and other material, but sufficient space for expansion is left. The record room, whose dimensions are 32' by 22' by 13', contains 90' of bound volumes and 62' of unbound records, sufficient space for expansion being available on the present shelving. Five per cent of the records are housed in his office and 95% in his record room, both furnishing users of the records with adequate accommodations.

Circuit Court

The records of the circuit court are housed in the clerk's main office, private office, and record room, and the north, west, and south storage rooms (q.v.; clerk, supra; storage rooms, infra).

Sheriff

The sheriff's office, a well lighted, well ventilated room, 20' by 20' by 9', lies on the east side of the first floor. This

room, which has a wooden floor and plastered walls and ceiling, houses all the sheriff's records--3' of bound volumes--in a steel cabinet. Adequate accommodations are provided for users of the records.

Coroner

The coroner's records are housed in the clerk's office (q.v., supra).

Assessor

The assessor's office, on the northwest corner of the first floor, is 35' by 20' by 13'. It is well ventilated and well lighted and has a wooden floor, plastered walls, and a plastered ceiling. Wooden shelving houses 45' of bound volumes and 48' of unbound records in file boxes 11" deep and permits expansion. This office, in which are kept all the assessor's records, 3% of the treasurer's records, 21% of the auditor's records, and 44% of the records of the department of public welfare, furnishes users of the records with adequate accommodations.

Board of Review

Records of the board of review are housed in the auditor's office (q.v., infra).

All the records of the board of tax adjustment are housed in the auditor's office (q.v., infra).

Board of Finance

Board of finance records are kept in the auditor's office (q.v., infra).

School Fund Board

The records of the school fund board are housed in the auditor's office (q.v., infra).

Treasurer

An office and a vault, on the east side of the first floor, are occupied by the treasurer. The office, which is 24' by 16' by 13', has a wooden floor and plastered walls and ceiling. Well lighted and well ventilated, it houses 28' of bound volumes and 20' of unbound records in file boxes 13" deep. Its steel roller shelving is wholly occupied, and there is no space for additional shelving. Thirty eight per cent of the treasurer's records are housed in this room, which provides adequate accommodations for users of the records. Three per cent of the treasurer's records are housed in the assessor's office, and 50% in the west storage room. [No details on the vault which houses 3% of the records, are at present available.]

Auditor

On the northeast corner of the first floor are a main office, a private office, and a record room, occupied by the auditor. These rooms are alike in construction, having wooden floors, plastered walls, and plastered ceilings, and in condition, being well lighted and well ventilated. The main office, 16' by 9' by 12', houses 25' of bound volumes and 18' of unbound records in file boxes 11" deep. The shelving is entirely occupied, and no space for additional shelving can be obtained. Here are housed 14% each of the records of the auditor and the commissioners; all the records of the council, the board of review, the board of tax adjustment, the board of finance, the school fund board, and the highway supervisor; and 4% of the health officer's records. The private office, longer by 2' than the main office, houses 1' of bound volumes--1% of the auditor's records. The record room, which is 31' by 21' by 13', is equipped with 363' of steel shelving, on which are 140' of bound volumes and 100' of unbound records. These comprise 4% of the auditor's records and 39% of the commissioners' records. In all three rooms, adequate accommodations are provided for users of the records. Twenty one percent of the auditor's records are in the assessor's attic, 25% in the north storage room, 35% in the west storage room, and 2% in the south storage room.

Registration Officer

All the records of the registration officer are kept in the clerk's office (q.v., supra).

Primary Election Commissioners

The records of the primary election commissioners are housed in the clerk's office (q.v., supra).

Board of Canvassers

The records of the board of canvassers are housed in the clerk's office (q.v., supra).

Board of Election Commissioners

Records of the board of election commissioners are housed in the clerk's office (q.v., supra).

Board of Education

All records of the board of education are housed in the office of the superintendent of schools (q.v., infra).

Superintendent of Schools

The office of the superintendent of schools is a well lighted, well ventilated room on the north side of the second floor. It is 24' by 18' by 10', and has a wooden floor and plastered walls and ceiling. Fifty feet of wooden shelving house 40' of unbound records in file boxes 11" deep. There is no space for additional shelving. All the records of the superintendent of schools and the board of education are housed in the office, which provides adequate accommodations for users.

Health Officer

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The health officer's office is located at present in the professional office of the incumbent, Dr. C. M. Glasier, in Brookville. No details on this office, which houses 96% of the records, are available at present. The other 4% of the health officer's records are housed in the auditor's office.

Department of Public Welfare

The welfare office lies at the northwest corner of the first floor. Measuring 18' by 15' by 12', it has a wooden floor and plastered walls and ceiling, and is well lighted and well ventilated. On 15' of shelving are 2' of bound volumes and 4' of unbound records in file boxes 11" deep, comprising 56% of the records of the department of public welfare, the other 44% being housed in the assessor's office. Persons consulting the records are furnished with satisfactory accommodations.

Surveyor

The surveyor's office, on the east side of the second floor, is 21' by 16' by 15', and has a wooden floor and plastered walls and ceiling. Well lighted and well ventilated, it houses 4' of bound volumes and 37' of unbound records in file boxes 11" deep--all the surveyor's records. No additional equipment, either for records or for their users, is needed here.

Highway Supervisor

The records of the highway supervisor are housed in the auditor's office (q.v., supra).

Agricultural Agent

The agricultural agent's office, measuring 10' by 15' by 14', adjoins the assessor's office on the northwest corner of the first floor. This room, having a wooden floor and plastered walls and ceiling, is in good condition, and is well lighted and well ventilated. Three feet of unbound records are housed here, in a filing cabinet. All the records of the agricultural agent are housed in this office, in which users of the records are well accommodated..

Storage Room

In the attic of the courthouse are three rooms--the east, the north, and the south storage rooms--used for the housing of old records. No details on the north storage room are available at this time.⁷ The west and south rooms are 18' by 12' by 12'; the west storage room has a wooden floor, plastered walls, and unfinished ceiling, whereas the south storage room has a wooden floor, plastered walls, and a plastered ceiling. Both are well lighted and fairly well ventilated, but some dust and dampness are present in both rooms. The west storage room houses 75' of bound volumes and 20' of unbound records in file boxes 11" deep, leaving ample space on the present shelving for future records. Forty-six per

cent of the commissioners' records, 35% each of the records of the clerk and the auditor, 42% of the records of the circuit court, and 56% of the treasurer's records are housed here. The south storage room, housing 1% of the commissioners' records, 2% of the clerk's records, 3% of the records of the circuit court, and 2% of the auditor's records, contains the same quantity of records, and permits expansion on the present shelving. One per cent each of the records of the clerk and circuit court, 25% of the auditor's records, are housed in the north storage room. In the south and west rooms, satisfactory accommodations are provided for users of the records.

Review

Though a lack of space is evident in the clerk's record room and the treasurer's office, this is no serious problem, since--there being ample space in the storage rooms--old records can easily be transferred to the attic. This expedient would be more practical if the conditions of dust and dampness in the storage rooms were corrected, and if these are corrected, the housing of records in Franklin County would be highly satisfactory.

4. LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS, SYMBOLS, AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

The Style Manual of the United States Government Printing Office is the authority followed herein.

Acts	(Session) Laws of the State of Indiana (commonly referred to by binder's title, "Acts"). By authority ... (of the) Secretary of State (of Indiana)
agr. agt.	agricultural agent, agricultural agent's
alph.	alphabetical, alphabetically
approx.	approximately
arr.	arranged
art.	article
assr.	assessor, assessor's
aud.	auditor, auditor's
avor.	average
bdl.	bundle
Bldg.	Building
bsmt.	basement
Burns	Burns, Harrison, editor. Annotated Indiana Statutes containing all acts of a general and public nature in force September 1, 1953. 12 vols. The Bobbs-Merrill Company, Indianapolis, Ind. (c1933 and 1934) with supplement 1936 in pocket in back cover. (Year is given in reference only in citations to supplement. Numbers refer to sections which run in one continuous, consecutive series as explained in Burns 1:iii-iv.)
c.	copyright (before date)
C.C.	County Courthouse

ch.	chapter
chron.	chronologically, chronological
clk.	clerk, clerk's
comr.	commissioner, commissioners, commissioner's, commissioners'
Const.	Constitution of Indiana (refers to present constitution unless date follows)
cor.	coroner, coroner's
hdw.	handwritten
hi. sup.	highway supervisor, highway supervisor's
hlth. offr.	health officer, health officer's
ibid.	ibidem (same reference as that immediately foregoing)
Ind.	Indiana; Indiana Reports (when preceded by the volume number, reference is to the official state court reports).
Laws Ind. Terr.	Laws of Indiana Territory, The: 1801-1809. Edited by Francis S. Philbrick. Collections of the Illinois State Historical library: Vol. 21. Reprinted with supplementary Indiana material. Indianapolis, Ind. Historical Bureau, 1931.
Laws N.W. Terr.	Laws of the Northwest Territory, The: 1783-1800. Edited by Theodore Calvin Pease. Illinois State Historical Library Law Series: Vol. 1. Springfield, Ill. Reprinted by the Illinois State Bar Association. (c1925)
mi.	mile
n.	north
no.	northeast

no., nos.	number, numbers
nw.	northwest
off.	office
p., pp.	page, pages
pr. frm.	printed form
pt.	part
pvt.	private
pros. atty.	prosecuting attorney, prosecuting attorney's
q.v.	which see
rec.	record
recr.	recorder, recorder's
Rev. Laws 1831	Revised Laws of Indiana, ... enacted by the general assembly at their fifteenth session ... Published by authority of the general assembly. Indianapolis, 1831.
Rev. Stat. 1843	Revised Statutes of the State of Indiana passed at the twenty-seventh session of the general assembly ... Printed and published according to law. Indianapolis, 1843.
1 Rev. Stat. 1852) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852)	Revised Statutes of the State of Indiana, . . . passed at the thirty-sixth session of the general assembly ... 2 vols. Printed and published according to law. Indianapolis, 1852.
Rev. Stat. 1881	Revised Statutes of Indiana ... Collated and annotated by James S. Frazer, John B. Stotsenburg, and David Turpie, Commissioners. By authority of the general assembly Chicago, Ill. B. B. Myers and Company, 1881.
rm.	room
s.	south

sec.	section
se.	southeast
shf.	sheriff, sheriff's
spe. sess.	special session
stat.	statutes
stg.	storage
suppl.	supplement
sur.	surveyor, surveyor's
supt., supt. sch.	superintendent, superintendent's, superintendent of schools
sw.	southwest
tr.	treasurer, treasurer's
twp.	township
U. S.	United States
vol., vols.	volume, volumes
vt.	vault
wfr.	welfare
--	current
'	foot, feet
"	inch, inches

Other abbreviations in common use are occasionally used.

Explanatory Notes

The inventory of the records of each bureau is preceded by an explanatory section, giving its legal status and functions.

In each legal status the inception date of each office is given as a comparative basis for the dates of the records. If the office were established before the origin of the county, the date of organization is the inception date. Whenever the inception date of records is later than the date of the organization of the county, it is by reason of statutory inauguration.

Entries are grouped under an outline classification, using headings and subheads according to relative functions. The first breakdown is centered in capitals and lower-case; the second breakdown is centered in capitals and lower-case; the second breakdown is relative to the first and is in capitals and lower-case, underscored at the margin.

Each entry has two parts or paragraphs: Title and description. Occasionally an entry will have a third cross-reference paragraph.

I. The title consists of:

1. Entry number. The entries are numbered consecutively within the county.
2. Titles in capitals, enclosed in parentheses, are supplied by the Historical Records Survey, because either the volume or file has no title or an incorrect one. Words in capitals and lower case, enclosed in parentheses, are also supplied or are supplementary to the title, where it is necessary to explain the types of records more fully.
3. Period covered by the record, showing beginning and ending dates by years only. In a divided year, the months and days are given. A dash in place of an ending date denotes a continuous open record.

4. Quantity.

5. Markings, if a series or a part of a series. Where the entry consists of one unit, marked 1, the marking is omitted; if otherwise marked, except by dates, marking is given.

6. Variation in numbering.

7. Missing volumes.

8. Subtitles or variations in title.

II. The description consists of:

1. A complete description of the record, its contents, and its purpose, with a resume of the column headings or subjects treated.

2. Method of arrangement or indexing.

3. Nature of recording. Modern records are almost exclusively in printed form, filled in by hand or typewriter as stated in entry.

4. Condition. Unless good or excellent, in which case, it is omitted.

5. Number of pages averaged for a series.

6. Size, averaged for a series, is given in inches unless otherwise specified; hence the inch sign is omitted.

7. Location. The place of custody (the room in which the records are located) is given in the entry, except, as stated in the legal status, in cases where all, or the majority, of the records are in one room.

III. Cross-references made to other entries.

1. For records which have relative functions.
2. For records having earlier or later recordings under a different title or type of record.
3. For records for which additional information may be found in other entries.

Whenever an entry contains more than one type of record, all the dates are given in a master entry under the actual title or under a complete title, if supplied, with reference to subordinate entries for each part. The subordinate entries consist of title, dates, and description only.

I. BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The board of commissioners is a statutory body comprising three members elected for a term of three years. Elections are so arranged that one member shall retire each year. The county is divided into three districts from each of which one member is elected by the electorate of the entire county. (1) Franklin County has had a board of commissioners from its creation in 1817, as provided in the acts of 1817, (2) and the revised statutes of 1852. (3)

The board was intended to be the administrative and executive head of the county. In 1899 the fiscal powers were vested exclusively in the county council (q.v.) which was then created. (4)

The board of commissioners is a corporate body with powers to sue and be sued, and possessing duties, rights, and powers incident to corporations. (5) It meets in regular session every month on the first Monday and in special sessions as called by the county auditor, its ex-officio clerk. (6)

Its principal functions are: Control of county property, allowance of claims against county, (7) letting of county contracts, supervision of contracts of maintenance of roads and bridges, (8) preparation of annual budget estimates, (9) and exercise of the right of eminent domain, (10) Other powers, in specific instances, have been conferred upon the board by the legislature, chiefly; to abolish or change township or precinct boundary lines, (11)

to establish libraries, (12) and hospitals, (13) to authorize payment of bounties, and to offer rewards. (14)

The commissioners, by virtue of their office, were constituted a board of turnpike directors, by an act of 1879, for the management and control of all free turnpikes in the county. Each director had personal supervision of one district. Their powers were to appoint suitable persons to supervise the work of repairs; contract for labor and materials; enter upon lands to take gravel, and to give certificates of payments; and to appoint a clerk of the board. (15) An act of 1905 made the county auditor the clerk of the board. (16)

This board was abolished in 1913, and the highways were placed in charge of a superintendent of highways appointed by the commissioners. (17)

This office was likewise abolished twenty years later, and supervision of highways was transferred to the surveyor (q.v.) unless the commissioners appoint a highway supervisor (q.v.). (18) The county commissioners may employ the surveyor to serve as highway supervisor. (19)

All the records are located in the courthouse.

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- (1) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1929; Burns 26-601, 26-602, 26-603.
(2) Acts 1817, ch. 14, sec. 1.
(3) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1929; Burns 26-601.
(4) Acts 1899; Burns 26-501, 26-515, 26-529, 26-532, 26-533.

- (5) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 26-606.
(6) Acts 1863; Burns 26-607.
(7) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 26-620.
(8) Acts 1905; Burns 36-1301.
(9) Acts 1899; Burns 26-510.
(10) Acts 1899; Burns 26-2101.
(11) Acts 1859; Burns 26-701.

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| (12) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns
41-502. | (16) Acts 1905, pp. 521-579. |
| (13) Acts 1905; Burns 22-3201. | (17) Acts 1913, ch. 330, sec.1. |
| (14) Acts 1875; Burns 26-1101. | (18) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1101 to
36-1109. |
| (15) Acts 1879, p. 226. | (19) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1110. |

Court Proceedings and Reports

1. COMMISSIONERS' RECORD, 1814--. 29 vols. (D-H, K-Z, A2-A2).
2 vols. I-J, 1840-47, missing.

Record of the commissioners' meetings, showing date; names of witnesses; claimants, and petitioners; nature of case; and proceedings of the court; business transacted; final orders; and decisions. Indexed alph. by titles of subjects. 1847-1925, hdw.; 1925-- , typed. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Aud. off.

2. COMMISSIONERS' COURT DOCKET, 1867-1919. 8 vols. (2-7, and 2 vols. not numbered).

Record of commissioners' court calendar, showing date, names of petitioner, and claimant, amount of claim, nature of petition, and proceedings of board. No index. hdw. 325 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. Aud. off.

For subsequent records, see entry 1.

3. READJUSTMENT TOWNSHIP POOR, 1904-9. 1 box.

Monthly statement by township trustees of receipts and disbursements for the poor, showing date, number of persons, kind ^{and amount} of relief, amount, and proceedings of board. No index. 13 x 10 x 4 ¹/₂. Aud. off.

For subsequent records, see entry 1.

4. RECORD OF LIQUOR BONDS, 1884-1913, 3 vols. (1-3).

Title varies: 1913-18, Record of Retailers' Liquor Bonds. Record of bonds furnished by liquor dealers, showing date, names of dealer and surety, location, and amount of bond. Indexed alph. by names of dealers. Hdw. 430 pp. 16 x 11 x $1\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. off.

Bond Issues

5. BOND REGISTER, 1906--. 1 vol.

Register of bond issues for public improvements, showing date, names of purchaser, amount of issue, bond and coupon numbers, nature of bonds, interest rate, and term of maturity. No index. Hdw. 175 pp. 19 x 13 x $1\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. off.

6. BOND AND COUPONS PAID, 1926--. 3 boxes.

Record of bonds sold and coupons paid, showing date sold, names of purchaser, and coupons paid, amount and purpose of bond, and maturity. Arr. chron. 13 x 10 x $4\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. rec. rm.

7. POOR RELIEF BONDS, 1926-35. 4 boxes.

Record of bond issues for poor relief, showing date of issue and ~~date of~~ redemption, names of purchaser, and amount purchased. Arr. chron. 13 x 10 x $4\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. off.

Requisitions, Bids, and Contracts

8. BIDDER'S RECORD, 1935--. 1 vol.

Record of bids on equipment and furnishings for county infirmaries and units, showing date, names of bidders and of successful bidder, amount of bids, unit price, and reason for rejecting lowest bid.

No index. Hdw. 400 pp. 14 x 13 x 1 1/2. Aud. off.

9. BIDS FOR SUPPLIES, 1934--. 1 box.

Original bids for infirmary supplies, schools, and construction of buildings, showing date, names of bidders^{and} institutions, address of bidder^{and} building, description^{requisition} and amount of bid.

Arr. chron. 13 x 10 x 4 1/2. Aud. off.

For records prior to 1934, see entry 10.

10. MISCELLANEOUS BIDS, 1924--. 13 file boxes.

Original bids, showing date, name^{and address} of bidder, ~~address~~^{and address}, nature^{and} of bid, ~~amount~~^{and} cost^{and amount} of bond~~and amount~~. No index. 12 x 6 x 4.

Aud. off.

Claims and Allowances

11. COMMISSIONERS' CLAIM AND ALLOWANCE RECORD, 1855--. 13

vols. (1-5, 8-7, and 3 vols. not numbered). Title varies:

Register of Allowances; Auditor's Ledger.

Record of claims and allowances for salaries and office supplies, showing date, claim, order, and warrant numbers, name of claimant, amount^{claim} of claim^{and} purpose, and description^{claim}. 5 vols., no index; 7 vols., arr. chron.; 1 vol., indexed alph. by names of instruments.

Hdw. 500 pp. 16 x 11 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. 11 vols., 1855-1906, Feb. 1917--,

Aud. off.; 2 vols., 1911-Feb. 1917, n. rm., attic.

12. COMMISSIONERS' CLAIM PAPERS, 1913--. 347 file boxes;
200 bundles.

Original claims, showing date, claim number, name of claimant,
amount, purpose, allowances, and action of board. Arr. chron.

Bundles, 8 x 6 x 4; boxes, 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. 200 bundles, 1913-1930,
and 99 boxes, 1914-29, middle rm., attic; 248 boxes, 1930-- Aud. vt.

13. MISCELLANEOUS, 1930--. 2 boxes.

Miscellaneous purchase orders, showing date; name of office; ^{kind} ~~and~~ ^{supplies} ~~amount~~,
~~and~~ amount, and unit price. Arr. chron. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Aud. off.

For records prior to 1930, see entry 11.

14. SHERIFF'S CLAIMS, 1930-31. 2 file boxes.

Sheriff's claims for fees on writs served and for mileage, showing
date, title of cause, kind of writ, and amount of fee. Arr.

chron. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. off.

15. COUNTY INFIRMARY AND CHILDRENS' HOME, 1929--. 3 file
boxes.

Papers of expenditures for infirmary and childrens' home, showing
date; name of firm; ^{kind} ~~kind of~~ ^{supplies} ~~supplies~~, purpose, and amount. Arr.

chron. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. off.

16. OLD AGE PENSION APPLICATION, 1935-36. 1 file box.

Old age pension applications, showing date, name of applicant, ^{if} married or single, age, place of birth, color, sex, number of children able to render support, and amount of property. Arr. chron. 13 x 10 x 4½. Aud. off.

For other old age applications, see entry 232.

17. SOLDIER'S BURIAL RECORD, 1899-1902. 1 vol.

Record of burial of soldiers, sailors and marines; showing date and place of death, ^{and} ~~name of deceased~~, rank, command, station, age, and occupation, ^{deceased} indexed alph. by names of deceased. Hdw. 215 pp. 16 x 11 x 1½. Aud. off.

For other military records, see entries 57, 64, and 139.

Roads, Bridges and Ditches

18. FREE GRAVEL ROAD RECORD, 1882--. 5 vols. (1-5).

Record of construction and repairs of free gravel roads, showing date, contract awarded, names of road and contractor, description and location, ^{road} amount of contract, warrant number, and total costs. No index. Hdw. 250 pp. 16 x 11 x 2½. Aud. off.

19. CHANGE OF HIGHWAYS AND ROADS, 1909--. 1 file box.

Reports on highway and road changes, showing date, names of road, contractor, and surveyor, location and description, ^{road} and estimated cost. Arr. chron. 13 x 10 x 4½. Aud. off.

20. ROADS AND BRIDGES, 1920--. 12 file boxes.

Report of road and bridge locations, showing date; ~~names~~ of road, viewers and surveyors; and cost estimates. Arr. chron. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. off.

21. SPECIFICATIONS, 1925--. 1 file box.

Specifications for the construction and repair of roads and bridges, showing date; ^{name of surveyor;} names ^{and description} of road ^{and bridge}; ~~and surveyors~~; ~~description~~; and estimated cost of material and labor. Arr. chron. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. off.

II. COUNTY COUNCIL

In 1899 the legislature created the county council. This council consists of seven members who are elected for a term of four years and must be resident freeholders of the county. One member is elected from each of the four councilmanic districts by the voters of the district, and three members are elected by the voters of the county at large. The council elects its president from its membership, and the auditor acts as its clerk. The sheriff is required to execute the orders of the council. (1)

The regular annual meeting is held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of September for the purposes of fixing the tax rate, of imposing the tax levy, and of making appropriations, (2) and continues from day to day until its business is completed. (3) Special meetings may be called by the auditor or a majority of the members. (4) Sessions must be public. (5) Although a majority of the council constitutes a quorum, the passage of ordinances required a majority of all members; and extraordinary majorities are required by law in certain instances; (6) a three-fourths vote to increase or insert an item in the budget estimates submitted by the county agencies through the auditor; (7) a two-thirds vote to make additional appropriations at special meetings. (8)

The power of fixing the tax rate where it is not fixed by law, is vested exclusively in the council, likewise the power of making appropriations of money to be paid out of the county treasury. (9)

The council passes on all budget estimates submitted by county officials, (10) as well as emergency appropriations. (11)

The council has exclusive power to authorize the borrowing of money for the county and the issuing of bonds. (12) No sale or purchase by the county of real estate of the value of \$1,000 or more is made without authorization by the council. (13)

All the records are located in the auditor's office, in the courthouse.

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| (1) Acts 1899; Burns 26-501, 26-502, 26-509, 26-515, 26-532. | (8) Acts 1899, 1907, 1913; Burns 26-521. |
| (2) Acts 1899; Burns 26-507. | (9) Acts 1899; Burns 26-515. |
| (3) Acts 1899; Burns 26-508. | (10) Acts 1899; Burns 26-620. |
| (4) Acts 1899, 1931; Burns 26-507. | (11) Acts 1899, 1907, 1913; Burns 26-521. |
| (5) Acts 1899; Burns 26-508. | (12) Acts 1899, 1921, 1929; Burns 26-532. |
| (6) Acts 1899; Burns 26-511. | (13) Acts 1899; Burns 26-534. |
| (7) Acts 1899; Burns 26-520. | |

22. COUNTY COUNCIL RECORD, 1899--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Minutes of the council meetings, showing date; names of members present; ~~road, ditch and bridge~~; kind of appropriation; ordinances; estimates for construction and repairs; ^{names} locations, and descriptions ^{road, bridge, and ditch}. Indexed alph. by names of subjects. 1899-1931, hdw.; 1931--, typed. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 2 3/4.

23. TAX LEVIES, 1918-29. 3 boxes.

Lists of tax levies, showing date, name ^{and address} of person assessed, address, amount of real and personal property, value, polls, and amount of old and new assessments. Arr. chron. 13 x 10 x 4 1/2.

III. CLERK

The clerk of the circuit court, commonly referred to as "county clerk", is a constitutional officer, elected for a four-year term, and not entitled to hold office for more than eight years of any twelve-year period. (1) Prior to 1851, the office of clerk functioned by virtue of the Constitution of 1816. (2)

The clerk of the circuit court also serves, by statutory provisions, as clerk of any and all county courts and as such is required to keep a set of dockets and records for the courts. (3)

In addition to his court duties, numerous other duties are imposed upon the clerk by statute. He serves ex officio as registration officer for the county and as a member of the various county election boards. (4) In discharging his election duties he is required to keep records of all elections in the county, (5) issue certificates of election to successful candidates, (6) and act as clerk to the commissioners appointed by the circuit court to make a recount in contested elections. (7)

Other important duties of the clerk are the issuance of marriage licenses; (8) professional licenses, such as physicians', (9) dentists', (10) and optometrists'; (11) hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses; (12) business licenses, such as poultry dealers' (13) and junk dealers', (14) and permits to carry firearms, (15) He approves the bonds of county officers, (16) and approves and files the bonds of notaries. (17) He is required to keep a nurses'

register (18) and a record of firm and partnership certificates, (19) and he also record many legal instruments.

All the records are located in the courthouse.

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| (1) Const., art. 6, sec. 2;
Burns 49-2701. | (9) Acts 1897; Burns 63-1302. |
| (2) Const. 1816, art. 5, sec. 2. | (10) Acts 1913; Burns 63-506. |
| (3) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns
49-2706. | (11) Acts 1907; Burns 63-1009. |
| (4) Acts 1933; Burns 29-306. | (12) Acts 1927; Burns 11-502. |
| (5) Acts 1905; Burns 29-1404. | (13) Acts 1917; Burns 48-1407. |
| (6) Acts 1881; Burns 29-1501. | (14) Acts 1905; Burns 42-703. |
| (7) Acts 1881 spec. sess.;
Burns 29-2103. | (15) Acts 1925; Burns 10-4721. |
| (8) Acts 1852; Burns 44-201. | (16) Acts 1852; Burns 29-105. |
| | (17) Acts 1852; Burns 49-3503. |
| | (18) Acts 1905; Burns 63-903. |
| | (19) Acts 1909; Burns 50-201. |

Official Bonds
(See also entries 205-7),

24. OFFICIAL BOND RECORD, 1880--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of surety bonds posted by public officials, showing date, names of official and bondsman, amount, ^{and official and bond} condition of obligation, ~~and expiration of bond~~. Indexed alph. by names of officials.

1880-1905, hdw.; 1906--, typed. 550 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. Clk. off.

25. OFFICER'S BOND, 1930--. 9 file boxes.

Record of surety bonds posted by public officials, showing date, bond number, names of official and bondsman, ^{and} amount, and expiration of bond. Arr. chron. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. prt. off.

For records prior to 1930, see entry 24.

Licenses

Marriage (see also entries 227)

26. MARRIAGE RECORD, 1811---. 20 vols. (7-20, and 6 vols. not numbered).

Record of applications for marriage licenses, showing date;

names, of ~~bride, groom, and witnesses~~ ^{bride, groom, and names of parents} age; color, and place of birth. Indexed alph. by names of brides and grooms. Hdw. 200 pp. 14 x 11 x 2. Clk. prv. off.

27. MARRIAGE LICENSE, 1880---. 46 file boxes.

Applications for marriage licenses, showing date; names of ~~bride, groom and witness~~ ^{bride & groom} age and nationalities. ^{and names} chron. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. 1880-1931, middle rm., attic; 1931---, Clk. rec. rm.

Professional

28. RECORD OF PHYSICIAN LICENSE, 1855---. 2 vols. (1,1).

Record of licenses for physicians to practice medicine, showing date, number, names of ~~physicians~~ ^{name and} witness and college; and ^{physician} date and place of birth. Indexed alph. by names of physicians. Hdw. 150 pp. 13 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. 1 vol., 1855-97, s. rm., attic; 1 vol., 1897---, Clk. rec. rm.

29. DENTIST LICENSE RECORD, 1899-1929. 1 vol.

Record of licenses to practice dentistry, showing date, names of ^{and name} dentist and witness; address, and date and place of birth. Indexed alph. by names of dentists. Hdw. 100 pp. 16 x 10 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. rec. rm,

Business

30. RECORD OF JUNK DEALER'S LICENSE, 1905--. 1 vol.

Record of licenses for dealers to buy and sell junk, showing date, names of dealer and witness, and expiration of license.

Indexed alph. by names of dealers. Hdw. 75 pp. 14 x 9 x 1.

Clk. rec. rm.

31. POULTRY DEALER'S LICENSE, 1932--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of licenses to buy and sell poultry, showing date, names of dealer, and other information. Indexed alph. by names of applicants. Hdw. 200 pp. 16 x 14 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

32. POULTRY DEALER'S APPLICATION AND LICENSE, 1930--.

1 file box.

Applications and licenses for poultry dealers, showing date, number, names of dealer, type, and amount paid. Arr. chron. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. pvt. off.

33. IMPROVED STOCK LICENSE, 1899--. 1 vol.

Record of licenses for sire service, showing date, name of owner, and ~~size~~ ^{name} description, and pedigree ^{and} and fee for service.

No index. Hdw. 300 pp. 13 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. rec. rm.

Certificates

34. (RECORD OF FIRM NAMES), 1913--. 1 vol.

Record of corporations and partnerships, showing date, names of firm members and partners, residences, kind of business, and

location. Indexed alph. by names of dealers. Hdw. 100 pp.
14 x 9 x 1. Clk. rec. rm.

35. OPTOMETRY RECORD, 1907-15. 1 vol.

Record of optometrists' licenses to practice, showing date;
number; names of optometrist, witness and college; qualifications,
college degree, and place of practice. Indexed alph. by names
of physicians. Hdw. 75 pp. 14 x 3 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. rec. rm.

Registers

36. REGISTER OF PHYSICIANS AND ACCOUCHEURS, 1881--. 1 vol.

Record of physicians and accoucheurs, showing date, name,
qualifications, and office and home address. No index. Hdw. 75
pp. 14 x 9 x 1. Clk. rec. rm.

Military Records

37. ENUMERATION OF SOLDIERS, 1925--. 1 file box.

Lists of tax exemptions for veterans, showing date, name,
residence, assessed valuation of property, and amount of
exemption. No index. 13 x 10 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. prt. off.

For other military records, see entries 17, 64, and 109.

Receipts and Disbursements

38. DAILY BALANCE AND CASH STATEMENT, 1912--. 10 vols. (1-10).

Record of daily cash statements, showing date of entry, names of
payer and depository, amount brought forward, received,

deposited; ^{balance} balance, source, and purpose. No index. Hdw. 300 pp.
10 x 18 x 3. 9 vols., 1912-34, norm., attic; 1 vol., 1934--,
Clk. off.

For records prior to 1912, see entry 39.

39. CLERK'S CASH BOOK, 1897--. 5 vols. (1-5).

Record of receipts, disbursements, and balances; showing date,
name of depository, amount ^{of receipts} of receipts and disbursements, and
daily deposits, ^{nature of receipts and disbursements} nature of receipts and disbursements, and total
balance. Arr. chron. Hdw. 400 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. Clk. off.

40. CASH BOOK OF DISBURSEMENTS, 1912-24. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of disbursements and cash balance, showing date, names of
payee and bank, receipt and check numbers, amount of check, ^{for} for
trust, and ^{account} funds credited, and account charged. Indexed alph.
by names of payees. Hdw. 100 pp. 16 x 15 x 1 3/4. Clk. rec. rm.

For records prior to 1912, see entry 39.

41. LEDGER, 1850-97. 2 vols. (1, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Record of daily cash receipts and disbursements, showing date,
names of payee and payer, amount of receipts, ^{and disbursements} and disbursements,
^{account} and various accounts charged; and total balance. No index.

Hdw. 150 pp. 15 x 9 x 1. Middle stg. rm., attic.

IV. RECORDER

The recorder is a constitutional officer elected for a term of four years and is required to post bond. (1) No person is eligible to hold the office of recorder for more than eight years in any twelve-year period. (2) The inception date of this office in Franklin County is 1811, the organization date of the county.

The title of this officer describes his functions: To make and preserve a public record of legal documents for officials and private persons as required by law. Of the many kinds of instruments recorded the more important are: Deeds, mortgages, and apprentices' indentures, (3) satisfactions, cancellations, and assignments of any kind, (4) releases, (5) mechanics' liens, (6) and leases. (7)

The recorder is also required to keep a record of articles of incorporation filed in his office, (8) and certificates of admission for foreign corporations to do business in Indiana. (9) There are also on file in the office of the recorder, records of cemetery deeds, (10) cemetery associations, (11) farm names, (12) and chattel mortgages. (13)

All the records are located in the courthouse.

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| (1) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1901; Burns 49-3201. | (8) Acts 1929; Burns 25-218. |
| (2) Const. art. 6, sec. 2. | (9) Acts 1929; Burns 25-305. |
| (3) 1 Rev. Stat. 1862; Burns 49-3210. | (10) Acts 1925; Burns 21-223. |
| (4) Acts 1905; Burns 49-3203. | (11) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 25-1520. |
| (5) Acts 1881 spec. sess.; Burns 2-2519. | (12) Acts 1913; Burns 49-3236. |
| (6) Acts 1909; Burns 43-703. | (13) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1897; Burns 33-501. |
| (7) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1875, 1913, 1921, 1923; Burns 56-119. | |

42. DEED RECORD, 1812--. 78 vols. (1-53, A-I, K-Z). Vol. J, missing.

Record of deeds, showing dates acknowledged and recorded, names of grantor and grantee, amount of consideration, location and description of property, and attest. Indexed alph. by names of grantors. 1812-April 15, 1905, hdw.; April 15, 1905--, typed. 300 pp. 18 x 11 x 12 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. vt.

43. GENERAL INDEX OF DEEDS, 1912--. 22 vols. (2 sets, 1-10, and 2 vols. not numbered).

Index to deeds, showing date recorded, names of grantor and grantee, type of deed, amount of consideration, description and location of lands and lots, and book and page number of deed record. Arr. alph. by names of grantees and grantors. Hdw. 325 pp. 18 x 11 x 2. Recr. vt.

44. DEEDS, 1857--. 70 file boxes.

Original deeds, showing dates acknowledged and recorded, names of grantee and grantor, location and description of property, type of deed, and attest. Arr. chron. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. vt.

45. ENTRY BOOK OF DEEDS, 1843--. 6 vols.

Record of deeds, showing dates acknowledged and recorded, names of grantee and grantor, consideration, description and location of property, kind of deed, and attest. No index. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Recr. vt.

46. CEMETERY RECORD, 1925--. 1 vol.

Record of warranty deeds, showing date recorded, names of grantee, grantor, cemetery, and trustees; lot and row number; and attest. Indexed alph. by names of grantees. Typed. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Recr. off.

For prior records, see entry 42.

47. QUIET TITLE RECORD, 1911-31. 1 vol.

Record of court order to quiet title, showing date of order; names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys; location and description of lots and lands; fees; and attest. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. 1911-28 typed; 1928-31, hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x $2\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. off.

For records prior to 1911 and subsequent to 1931, see entry 42.

48. TRACT BOOK, 1806-48. 2 vols. (1, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Record of lands purchased from the federal government, showing date, name of purchaser, kind of land, and receipt number.

Arr. chron. Hdw. 100 pp. 18 x 11 x $1\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. vt.

49. PLAT BOOK, 1849--. 2 vols. (B, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Record of town and village plats and additions, showing date, township, range, ~~and~~ section; township lines, range numbers, and approval of board of trustees. Indexed alph. by names of plats. Hdw. 300 pp. 19 x 13 x 2. Recr. vt.

Mortgages

Real Estate50. MORTGAGE RECORD, 1848--. 42 vols. (A-Z, A²-P²).

Record of mortgages, showing date; names of mortgagor, mortgagee, and witnesses; type of instrument; description and location of land; amount; and satisfaction. Indexed alph. by names of

mortgagors. 1848-Dec. 19, 1904, hdw.; Dec. 19, 1904-- , typed.

300 pp. 18 x 11 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. vt.

For prior records, see entry 42.

51. GENERAL INDEX OF MORTGAGES, 1848-- . 13 vols. (2, 2-5, and 2 vols. not numbered; 6 vols. in sets 6-8) . .

Index to mortgage record, showing date, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, amount of consideration, location and description of lands and lots, satisfaction, and book and page number. Arr. alph. by names of mortgagors and mortgagees. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 13 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. vt.

52. MORTGAGES, 1848-- . 80 file boxes.

Receipts for mortgages, showing date, type of mortgage, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, amount, location and description of property, and satisfaction. Arr. chron. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. vt.

53. ENTRY BOOK OF MORTGAGES, 1848-1918. 4 vols. (3, and 3 vols. not numbered).

Record of mortgage entries, showing date; names of mortgagor, ~~and mortgagee~~, towns, and villages; amount; type of instrument; fees; and satisfaction. No index. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 13 x 2. Recr. vt.

54. FEDERAL LAND BANK MORTGAGES, 1925-- . 2 vols. (1, 2).

Record of mortgages in security for Federal Land Bank loans, showing date, name of mortgagor, description and location of property, amount, and attest. Indexed alph. by names of mortgagors. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. off.

Chattels

55. MINUTE BOOK TO RECORDER'S CHATTEL MORTGAGES, 1935--.

1 vol.

Record of chattel mortgages, showing date, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, value and location of chattel, amount of loan, interest rate, maturity, and release. Indexed alph. by names of mortgagors. Typed. 400 pp. 18 x 13 x 2 3/4. Recr. off.

56. CHATTEL MORTGAGE RECORD, 1930--. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of chattel mortgages, showing date, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, location and description of chattel, amount of loan, interest rate, and maturity. Indexed alph. by names of mortgagors. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 1/2. Recr. off.

For prior records, see entry 50.

57. GENERAL INDEX CHATTEL MORTGAGES, 1930--. 1 vol.

Index to chattel mortgage records, showing date, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, amount, description of chattel, book and page numbers, and satisfaction. Indexed alph. by names of mortgagors and mortgagees. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recr. off.

School Funds

58. SCHOOL FUND MORTGAGE RECORD, 1864--. 4 vols. (1-4).

Record of school fund mortgages, showing date, names of mortgagor, witnesses, and appraisers; amount; location and description of lands and lots; maturity; and satisfaction. Indexed alph. by names of mortgagors. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 5. Recr. off.

Liens

59. RECORD OF MECHANICS' LIENS, 1854-1901. 1 vol.

Record of mechanics' liens, showing date, names of lienor and owner, property in action, value, location and description, amount of lien, and satisfaction. Indexed alph. by names of lienors. Hdw. 500 pp. 15 x 11 x 2. Recr. off.

For subsequent records, see entry 78.

60. MECHANIC LIEN, 1886-1914. 1 file box. Title

varies: Miscellaneous Papers.

Mechanics' liens, showing date, names of lienor and owner, amount of lien, location and description of property, and release. Arr. chron. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. vt.

61. RECORD OF SIRES' LIENS, 1891-1908. 1 vol.

Record of sires' liens, showing date, names of owner, lienor, and sire; amount of lien, and guarantee. Indexed alph. by names of owners of sires. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. vt.

For subsequent records, see entry 78.

Register of Legal Instruments

62. WILL RECORD, 1866--. 1 vol.

Record of wills, showing date, names of testator, heirs, and attorneys; value of ~~estate~~ ^{property}, description and proof, description and location of property, and condition of will. Indexed alph. by names of testators. 1866-1904, hdw.; 1904--., typed. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. Recr. off.

For other will records, see entries 120-21.

63. WILLS, 1891-1929. 1 file box. (W).

Original copies of wills, showing date; names of testator, heirs, attorneys, and witnesses; description, location and division of property; ~~names of devisees~~ ^{and interests} legacies, and bequests. Arr. chron. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. vt.

64. SOLDIERS' DISCHARGE RECORD, 1866--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of honorable discharge of soldiers, sailors, and marines; showing date, name, birthplace, age, regiment, rank, character reference, and army record. Indexed alph. by names of those discharged. Hdw. 500 pp. 13 x 13 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. vt.

For other military records, see entries 17, 37 and 189.

65. RECORD OF CERTIFICATE, (Of Association), 1872--.

1 vol.

Record of certificates of trustees in religious and fraternal organizations, showing date; names of officer, church or society; ^{and} address, and purpose of organization. Indexed alph. by names of orders. Hdw. 400 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. Recr. off.

66. OIL AND GAS LEASE RECORDS, 1872-1931. 3 vols. (1, 1-2).

Title varies: 1872-1929, Lease Record.

Record of oil and gas leases, showing date, names of lessor and lessee, description of land, agreement, purpose of drilling, term of lease, and location. Indexed alph. by names of lessors and lessees. Hdw. 350 pp. 17 x 12 x 2. Recr. vt.

For records subsequent to 1931, see entry 78.

67. LEASES, 1890--. 1 file box. Subtitled: Miscellaneous Papers.

Record of leases of property, showing date, names of lessor

and lessee, amount, terms, requirements, and location of property. Arr. chron. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. vt.

68. RECORD OF ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION, 1872-1928. 1 vol. Record of incorporations, showing date, names of officer, association, firm, and article, purpose of organization, details of performances, capital shares, and location. Indexed alph. by names of firms and associations. 1872-1903, hdw.; 1903-28, typed. 400 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. Recr. off.

For subsequent records, see entry 78.

69. RECORD OF AGREEMENT, 1873-1934. 1 vol. Record of agreements entered into by mutual act, showing date, names of parties to action, terms, amount of money involved, nature of agreement, and attest. Indexed alph. by names of principals. Hdw. 400 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. Recr. vt.

For subsequent records, see entry 78.

70. ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT, 1891--. 1 file box.

Title varies: Miscellaneous Papers.

Papers of articles of agreement, showing date, names of parties to instrument, terms, description of article, amount involved, and attest. No index. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. vt.

71. ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, 1897-1933. 1 vol. Record of articles of incorporation, showing date, names of firm and officials, business to be conducted, address, capital stock, and sworn statement. Indexed alph. by corporate names. Hdw. 300 pp. 16 x 11 x 1 $\frac{3}{4}$. Recr. off.

For subsequent records, see entry 78.

72. REGISTER OF FARM NAMES, 1913--. 1 vol.

Record of farm names, showing date recorded; names of owner, and ~~name~~
~~farm, and location, and description~~ ^{farm} Indexed alph. by names of
owners. Typed. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 2 3/4. Recr. vt.

For prior records, see entry 78.

73. FARM NAMES, 1886--. 2 file boxes.

Register of farm names, showing date; names of owner, and ~~farm~~ ^{name},
location, and description, and acreage. ~~No index.~~ ^{for index} 13 x 10 x 4 1/2.
Recr. vt.

74. RECORD OF INDENTURES, 1834-1902. 1 vol.

Record of indentures of apprenticed youths, showing date; names
of ~~apprentices~~ ^{names}, parents, and master; age, sex, and color of eyes; ~~and~~
~~birth place~~ ^{apprentices and trade and} location of premises of master, and trade. Indexed
alph. by names of parents, masters, and apprentices. Hdw. 300 pp.
17 x 12 x 2. Recr. off.

For subsequent records, see entry 78.

75. POWER OF ATTORNEY, 1886--. 1 file box.

Duplicates of power of attorney papers granted, showing date,
names of principal and agent, agreement as to performance of
duty, , business to be transacted, and location. No index.
13 x 10 x 4 1/2. Recr. vt.

76. BILL OF SALE, 1917--. 1 box. Title varies; Miscellaneous Papers.

Statements of personal property and real estate of heirs to estates,
sold at public auction, showing date, names of estate and purchaser, and
description and amount of property sold. No index. 13 x 10 x
4 1/2. Recr. vt.

Fee and Cash Records

77. RECORDER'S FEE AND CASH BOOK, 1910--. 3 vols. (1-3).
Record of fees, showing date, ^{payor}payor, kind of fee, fund charged,
and total received and disbursed. No index. Hdw. 300 pp.
18 x 13 x 2 3/4. Recr. vt.

Miscellaneous Record

78. MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS, 1877--. 4 vols. (1-4).
Miscellaneous records including leases, powers of attorney,
mechanics' liens, affidavits, notes, contracts, agreements,
bills of sale, articles of incorporation, and soldier's discharge
records; showing date, names of principals, articles, performances,
executions, discharges, and released. Indexed alph. by names of
instruments. 1877-1904, hdw.; 1904--, typed. 600 pp. 18 x 11 x
2 1/2. Recr. vt.

79. RECORDER'S ANNUAL REPORT TO BOARD OF STATISTICS, 1903-35.

1 file box.

Reports to board of statistics, showing date, total fees collect-
ed, and instruments recorded. Arr. chron. 13 x 10 x 4 1/2. Recr. vt.

80. RECORD OF RECORDER'S ANNUAL REPORT, 1900-1903. 1 vol.
Record of finances for fiscal year, showing date, and miscellaneous
totals, including fees for recording, tax titles, and auditor's
deeds, mortgages, and mechanics' liens. No index. Hdw. 150 pp.
18 x 12 x 1 1/2. Recr. vt.

Maps

81. TOWN OF BROOKVILLE, 1933. 1 map.

Political map, showing precinct boundaries, sections, and townships, streets, and alleys. Drawn by W. L. Hartford, Brookville, Ind. Printed. Scale, 1 in. to 150 ". 60 x 36. Recr. vt.

82. MAPLE GROVE CEMETERY IN BROOKVILLE, 1909. 1 plat.

Cemetery map, showing plats, drives, boundaries, and locations of monuments. No author or publisher given. Blueprint. No scale given. $8\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. vt.

V. CIRCUIT COURT

The circuit Court was created by the Constitution of 1810, and re-created by the Constitution of 1851. (1) The judge of the circuit court is elected by the people of the circuit and serves for a term of six years. (2) The thirty-seventh circuit comprises Franklin and Union Counties.

The court has general local jurisdiction of law, equity, and criminal cases, and actions for divorce. It has original jurisdiction of the settlement of decedent's estates and guardianships and all other causes, matters, and proceedings. It has such appellate jurisdiction as may be conferred by law. (3)

All the records are located in the courthouse.

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- (1) Const., art. 7, sec. 1. (3) Acts 1881; Burns 4-503.
(2) Const., art. 7, sec. 9.

Civil Causes

83. CIRCUIT COURT PAPERS, 1872--. 378 file boxes.

Legal papers of court cases. Contains: Civil Papers, entry 84; Criminal Papers, entry 109. Arr. chron. 19 x 15 x 6. 201 file boxes, 1872-1909, middle stg. rm., attic; 39 file boxes, 1905-12, Clk. rec. rm., attic; 114 file boxes, 1909--, Clk. pvt. off.; 24 file boxes, 1930--, Clk. off.

84. CIVIL PAPERS, 1872--. In Circuit Court Papers, entry 85. Papers relative to actions in civil court, showing date of entry; names of plaintiff, defendant, attorneys, and witnesses; kind of action; proceedings; rulings; orders; and judgments rendered.

Sanity Causes

85. INSANE RECORD, 1927--. 4 vols. (1-4).

Record of insanity cases, showing date examined, name of patient, report of examiner, affidavit and application for commitment to an asylum, and officer's return of commitment. No index. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 11 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. off.

86. INSANITY INQUEST, 1905--. 13 file boxes.

Papers pertaining to insanity inquests, showing date, name of patient, report of examiner, case history, type of mental defect, and action taken. Arr. chron. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. 3 file boxes, 1905-29, attic, e. stg. rm.; 5 file boxes, 1929--, Clk. off.

Naturalization Causes

87. ALIEN'S DECLARATION OF INTENTION, 1853--. 2 vols.

Record of declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States, showing date, ^{and} name, ~~of applicant~~, residence, age, occupation, personal description, last foreign residence, and date and place of arrival ^{of applicant} in ~~the~~ United States. No index. Hdw. 700 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. Clk. off.

88. NATURALIZATION RECORD, 1839-1864. 2 vols.

Record of petitions for naturalization and certificates of citizenship, showing dates of petition and certificate of arrival; names of applicant and witnesses; ports of embarkment and arrival; ^{and} age, color, race, address, and attest. ^{of applicant}. Hdw. 150 pp. 20 x 12 x 2. Clk. off.

Civil Proceedings

Entry (See also entries 111-112)

89. ENTRY, DOCKET, ISSUE DOCKET AND FEE BOOK, 1912--. 14 vols. (1-14).

Entry and issue of cases, and fee record. Contains: Entry Docket, Issue Docket, and Fee Book, Civil, entry 90; Entry Docket, Issue Docket, and Fee Book, Criminal, entry 111. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Clk. off.

90. ENTRY DOCKET, ISSUE DOCKET AND FEE BOOK, CIVIL, 1912--.

In Entry Docket, Issue Docket and Fee Book, entry 89. Record of court cases, showing date, cause numbers ^{and order books} names of plaintiff and defendant; ~~cause number~~, court proceedings, ~~order book~~ ~~number~~, fees paid, costs, receipts, and judgment awarded.

91. ISSUE DOCKET, 1853-1913. 16 vols. (1-15, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Issue docket of court cases. Contains: Issue Docket, Civil, entry 92; Issue Docket, Criminal, entry 112. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs and defendants. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 1/2. 15 vols., 1853-1901, attic stg. rm.; 1 vol., 1901-13, Clk. off.

For subsequent records, see entry 49a.

92. ISSUE DOCKET, CIVIL, 1853-1913. In Issue Docket, entry 91. Record of actions in court, showing date of issue; names of plaintiff, defendant, and witnesses; cause of action; and date set for trial.

Trial (see also entries 113-116)

93. COURT DOCKET, 1845--. 20 vols. (1-20).

Calendar of cases in court. Contains: Court Docket, Civil, entry 94; Court Docket, Criminal, entry 115. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. Hdw. 350 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. 9 vols., 1845-1906, n. stg. rm., attic; 11 vols., 1906-- , Clk. off.

94. COURT DOCKET, CIVIL, 1845--. In Court Docket, entry 93. Record of circuit court calendar, showing date, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, court proceedings, and costs awarded.

95. JUDGE'S DOCKET, 1875-1913. 1 vol.

Judge's docket of court cases. Contains: Judge's Docket, Civil, entry 96. Judge's Docket, Criminal, entry 114. No index. Hdw. 300 pp. 15 x 9 x 2. Middle stg. rm., attic.

96. JUDGE'S DOCKET, CIVIL, 1876-1913. In Judge's Docket, entry 95.

Record of civil cases, showing date, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, ^{nature of} cause, docket number, judgment, and costs awarded.

97. COURT CLAIM DOCKET, 1890-1913. 1 vol.

Claim docket of cases. Contains: Court Claim Docket, Civil, entry 98; Court Claim Docket, Criminal, entry 115. No index. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. off.

98. COURT CLAIM DOCKET, CIVIL, 1890-1913. In Court Claim Docket, entry 97.

Record of claims filed in civil cases, showing date, name of claimant, nature of claim and action, and court proceedings.

99. ORDER BOOK, 1815--. 70 vols. (1-50, and 20 vols. not numbered).

Order book of court cases. Contains: Order Book, Civil, entry 100; Order Book, Criminal, entry 116. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. 1815-1906, hdw.; 1907--, typed. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Clk. off.

100. ORDER BOOK, CIVIL, 1815--. In Order Book, entry 99.

Record of orders in civil cases, showing date issued; ~~case number~~; names of plaintiff, defendant, and witnesses; ^{nature and amount of} cause; proceedings; and disposition.

Disposition (see also entry 117)

101. JUDGMENT DOCKET, 1848--. 5 vols. (2-6). Vol. 1, prior to 1848, missing.

Record of judgments. Contains: Judgment Docket, Civil, entry 102; Judgment Docket, Criminal, entry 117. Arr. alph. by names of defendants. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 13 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. 1 vol., 1848-77, middle stg., rm. attic; 4 vols., 1877--, Clk. off.

102. JUDGMENT DOCKET, CIVIL, 1848--. In Judgment Docket, entry 101.

Record of judgments, showing date awarded; names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys; amount of judgment; execution; costs attached; and returns on writs served.

103. JUDGMENT STAMP RECORD, 1927--. 1 vol.

Record of intangible tax stamps issued for judgment awarded, showing date, names of plaintiff and defendant, amount of judgment, ^{and} book and

page number of judgment docket. Arr. alph. by names of defendants.

200 pp. 14 x 12 x 2. Clk. off.

104. COMPLETE RECORD-CIVIL, 1840-73. 7 vols. (M-S, 1,).

12 vols., A-L, missing.

Record of civil Court cases, showing date of action, names of plaintiff and defendant, ^{nature of} cause, final court actions, rulings and orders, and judgment awards. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw.

550 pp. 17 x 11 x 2 3/4. Clk. pvt. off.

For subsequent records, see entry 99.

Executions (see also entries 144-145)

105. LIS PENDENS, 1878--. 3 vols. (2, 3, 1 vol. not numbered).

Record of certificates of sales ^{by} of sheriff, showing date, names of plaintiff and defendant, real estate description, and amount of sales.

Indexed alph. by names of defendants. Hdw. 48 pp. 17 x 12 x 2.

Clk. off.

106. LIS PENDENS RECORD, 1880-1935. 2 vols. (1,1).

Record of judgment claims filed, showing date; names of plaintiff ^{and attorney} and defendant, ^{and} nature of cause, ^{and} property description ~~and names of attorneys~~. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. Hdw. 250 pp.

17 x 12 x 2 1/2. Clk. off.

107. RECORD OF REDEMPTION (RECORD OF FEES), 1852-35. 1 vol.

Record of property redeemed from sheriff's sale, showing date of redemption, names of purchaser and owner, amount involved, taxes, fees, interest and penalty attached, ^{and} fee book page, ^{and} volume number.

Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 15 x 2.

E. stg. rm., attic.

108. RECORD OF SUBPENAS, 1879-99. 4 vols.

Record of subpoenas issued, showing date served; names of ~~person~~ ^{and person subpoenaed} subpoenaed, plaintiff, ~~and~~ defendant; cost of trial; mileage; fees attached; and subpoena number. No index. Hdw. 250 pp. 8 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Attic stg. rm.

Criminal Causes

109. CRIMINAL PAPERS, 1872--. In Circuit Court Papers, entry 83.

Papers relative to action in criminal court, showing date of entry; names of plaintiff, defendant, attorneys, and witnesses; kind of action; proceedings; rulings; ~~and~~ orders; and judgments rendered.

110. INDICTMENT RECORD, 1891--. 4 vols. (5-3).

Record of indictments, showing dates filed and recorded; names of defendant, jury foreman, and witnesses; cause number; true bill; criminal offence charged; and city and county where cause arose.

Indexed alph. by names of defendants. Hdw. 300 pp. 10 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. pvt. off.

Entry(see also entries 89-92).

111. ENTRY DOCKET, ISSUE DOCKET, AND FEE BOOK, CRIMINAL, 1912--.

In Entry Docket, Issue Docket and Fee Book, entry 89.

Record of entry and issue of court cases, and fees paid, showing cause number, names of plaintiff and defendant, filing of case, action, costs, and fees paid.

112. ISSUE DOCKET, CRIMINAL, 1853-1915. In Issue Docket, entry 91.

Record of actions in court, showing date of issue; names of plaintiff, defendant, and witnesses; cause of action; and date set for trial.

113. COURT DOCKET, CRIMINAL, 1845--. In Court Docket, entry 93. Record of circuit court calendar, showing date; names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys; court proceedings; and disposition.

114. JUDGE'S DOCKET, CRIMINAL, 1876-1913. In Judge's Docket, entry 95.

Record of criminal cases, showing date; names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys; ^{to be} cause; docket number; judgment; and costs awarded.

115. COURT CLAIM DOCKET, CRIMINAL, 1890-1913. In Court Claim Docket, entry 97.

Record of claims filed in criminal cases, showing date, name of claimant, nature of claim, and action, and court proceedings.

116. ORDER BOOK, CRIMINAL, 1815--. In Order Book, entry 99. Record of orders in criminal cases, showing date issued; cause number; names of plaintiff, defendant, and witnesses; ^{nature of} cause; proceedings; and disposition.

Disposition (See also entries 101-104).

117. JUDGMENT DOCKET, CRIMINAL, 1843--. In Judgment Docket, entry 101.

Record of judgments, showing date awarded; names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys; amount of judgment; execution; costs attached; and returns on writs served.

Probate Causes

Estate Cases

118. PROBATE COURT PAPERS, 1872--. 299 file boxes.

Probate court papers, showing date; names of decedent, legatees, and executors; location and description of property; bequests and legacies; value of estate; and court orders. Arr. chron. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. 198 file boxes, 1872-1909, middle stg. rm., attic; 101 file boxes, 1909--, Clk. off.

119. ESTATE PAPERS, 1928--. 24 file boxes (A-X Y Z).

Estate papers filed for probate, showing date; names of decedent,, legatees, and executor; real estate description; report of appraiser; inventory of real estate; value of estate; and identification number. Arr. chron. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. rec. rm.

120. WILL RECORD, 1814--. 12 vols. (A-D, 1-8).

Record of last wills and testaments, showing dates executed and recorded; names of testator, legatees, executor, and witnesses; and conditions of legacies, and bequests. Indexed alph. by names of testators. 1814-Mar. 1906, hdw.; 1906--, typed. 300 pp. 17 x 12 x 2. Clk. off.

For other will records, see entries 62-63.

121. WILLS, 1930--. 4 file boxes (A-Z).

Original wills, showing dates, executed and recorded; names of testator, legatees, executor, and witnesses; and condition of legacies and bequests. Arr. chron. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. pvt. off.

122. INHERITANCE TAX SCHEDULES AND REPORTS, 1929--. 4 file boxes.

Record of inheritance taxes assessed, showing dates of levy, and payment, names of estate and appraiser, amount of appraisal and assessment, and final settlement of tax. Arr. chron. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. pvt. off.

For other inheritance tax records, see entry 162.

123. ADMINISTRATORS' BONDS, OATH AND LETTERS, 1840--. 5 vols. (1-5).

Record of bonds, oaths, and letters of administrators; showing date appointed; names of estate, administrator, and sureties; amount and number of bond; and attest. Hdw. 350 pp. 17 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. off.

124. RECORD OF LETTERS, ADMINISTRATORS, TESTAMENTARY, AND GUARDIANSHIP, 1846-55. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of testamentary letters required for appointment of administrators and guardians, showing date; and names of administrator, testator, guardian, estate, and witnesses. Indexed alph. by names of estates. Hdw. 500 pp. 13 x 10 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

125. EXECUTOR'S BONDS, OATH, AND LETTERS, 1852-1909. 1 vol. Record of executors' bonds, oaths, and letters; showing date; names of testator, executor, and sureties; location and description of property; and amount of bond. Indexed alph. by names of executors. Hdw. 200 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

126. INVENTORY RECORD, 1887--. 11 vols (1-11).

Record of inventory lists filed with court in settlement of estates, showing date, names of testator and administrator, ~~property~~ description, location and appraisal of property; and liabilities of estate. Indexed alph. by names of estates. Hdw. 550 pp. 12 x 13 x 3. Clk. off.

127. INVENTORIES, 1930--. 1 file box.

Appraisal inventories of estates, showing date of inventory; names of estate, administrator, and appraiser; property description; and itemized statement of values. Arr. chron. 15 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. pvt. off.

128. PARTITION RECORD, 1853-58. 1 vol.

Record of division of estates by court order, showing date of order; names of estate, administrator, legatees and commissioners; cause; proceedings; decree of partition; and shares to each legatee. No index. Hdw. 300 pp. 13 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. off.

For prior records, see entry 136.

129. SALE RECORDS, 1852--. 6 vols. (1-4, 2 vols. not numbered).

Record of sale of personal property of decedents to settle estates, showing date, inventory number, names of estate and sureties, description of articles sold and unsold, appraised value, amount of each sale, and total amount of sale. Indexed alph. by names of estates. Hdw. 160 pp. 16 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. 2 vols., 1852-57, s. stg. rm., attic; 4 vols., 1897--, Clk. off.

130. SALE BILLS, 1930--. 2 file boxes.

Order of sale of real and personal property by sheriff, showing date, name of owner, property description, cause number, writ and certificate numbers, and amount of sale. Arr. chron. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. pvt. off.

Guardianship Cases

131. GUARDIANSHIPS, 1925--. 24 file boxes. (A-K Y Z).

Reports of guardians appointed by probate court for heirs or wards of estates, showing date; names of estate, wards, guardians, and sureties; ^{and} amount and number of bond. Arr. chron. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. pvt. off.

132. GUARDIAN'S BOND, OATHS, AND LETTERS, 1847--. 1 vol.

Record of bonds posted by guardians, trust, and fidelity companies; showing date; names of guardian, estate and wards; ^{and} amount and condition of bond. Indexed alph. by names of guardians. Hdw. 350 pp. 13 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. off.

Probate Proceedings

133. GENERAL ENTRY CLAIM AND ALLOWANCE DOCKET, 1891-1912.

2 vols. (2-3).

Record of claim and allowances of administrators made through probate court, showing date; estate; names of claimant, administrator, and legatees; action; awards; and amount of claim. Indexed alph. by names of administrators and decedents. Hdw. 300 pp. 13 x 13 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. off.

154. CLAIM FILES ESTATES, 1930--. 1 file box.

Claims filed against estates, showing date, names of claimant and estate, kind of claim, and amount. Arr. chron. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Clk. pvt. off.

155. APPEARANCE DOCKET OF ESTATES, 1852-99. 6 vols. (1-6).

Record of persons subpoenaed to appear in court for testimony, showing date of appearance; names of estate, claimant, administrator, and witnesses; cause; proceedings; orders; allowances; and amount of claim. Indexed alph. by names of claimants. Hdw. 300 pp.

18 x 15 x 1. N. stg. rm., attic.

156. ORDER BOOK PROBATE, 1830--. 29 vols.

Record of court orders, showing date of order; names of decedent, legatee, guardian, and administrator; judgment awards; and final order. Arr. alph. by names of estates. 1830-1919, hdw.; 1919--, typed. 590 pp. 13 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. off.

157. COURT ORDERS, 1930--. 1 file box.

Reports of estate values for use of inheritance tax appraisers, showing date admitted to probate; names of testator, legatee, administrator, and guardian; value of estate; amount subject to inheritance tax; itemized statement of assets; and court orders. Arr. chron. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. pvt. off.

Bonds

158. OFFICIAL BOND RECORD, 1919--. 1 vol. Title varies:

Miscellaneous Bond.

Record of bonds posted for release of prisoners, and to insure

payments for property damage and accidents, showing names of defendant and bondsman, date, purpose, and amount. Arr. alph. by names of bondsmen. Hdw. 425 pp. 10 x 12 x 5. Clk. off.

139. BONDS PER COURT, 1880-1915. 1 vol.

Record of bonds posted by plaintiff to guarantee court costs, showing date; cause number; names of plaintiff, defendant, and bondsman; amount of bond; and court action. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. Hdw. 80 pp. 14 x 9 x 1. Clk. rec. rm.

Fee and Cash Records

140. CLERK'S FEE BOOK, 1840--. 10 vol. (1-2, 1-3).

Record of all fees attached in court cases, showing date attached; names of plaintiff, defendant, witnesses, and payer; amount; and cause number. Arr. alph. Hdw. 550 pp. 10 x 13 x 3. 3 vols., 1840-1904, attic stg. rm.; 2 vols., 1904--, Clk. off.

141. FUNDS HELD IN TRUST OR ALLOWANCE RECORD, 1875--.

3 vols. (1-2, 1).

Record of allowances by court in civil suits, showing date; name of payee, payer, plaintiff, and defendant; ^{and} amount ordered and paid to clerk to be held in trust. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 13 x 14 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. 2 vols., 1875-1919, Clk. pvt. off.; 1 vol., 1919--, Clk. off.

142. REGISTER OF FEES AND FUNDS HELD IN TRUST, 1918--.

2 vols. (1-2).

Record of money held in trust by court to be paid to plaintiff for any judgment rendered, showing date, title of cause, names of

plaintiff and defendant, amount received, and date disbursed. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 350 pp. 17 x 18 x 2½. Clk. off.

148. ESTATE FEES BOOK, 1888-1912. 5 vols. Title varies:

Register of Fees Probate.

Record of fees in probate cases, showing date paid, names of estate and administrator, clerk's fees, total amount paid, and final settlement. Hdw. 350 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. Attic stg. rm.

VI. COMMON PLEAS

The common pleas court was established by an act of 1852, effective in Franklin County in 1853. The judge was elected for a term of four years. (1)

The court had jurisdiction in matters relating to probate of wills; appointment of guardians for persons of unsound mind and other disabilities; in matters relating to executors and administrators; (2) in civil matters ranging from fifty to one thousand dollars, except in cases of slander, libel, breach of marriage contract, and an action on an official bond, or where the title of real estate was in issue; (3) and criminal jurisdiction in cases which are not felonies, except those triable by the justice of the peace. (4)

At the time of the creation of this court, cases pending which came under the new jurisdiction, were transferred from the circuit court to the common pleas court. Because of the inadequacies of this court, it was abolished in 1873 and the jurisdiction was transferred to the circuit court. Pending cases continued to be entered in common pleas court until completion of the suits. (5)

(1) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852, pt. 1,
ch. 3, sec. 1.

(2) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852, pt. 1,
ch. 3, sec. 4.

(3) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852, pt. 1,
ch. 8, sec. 11.

(4) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852, pt. 1,
ch. 8, sec. 14.

(5) Acts 1873, ch. 29, sec. 80.

No records could be found.

VII. SHERIFF

The sheriff is a constitutional officer elected for a term of two years. He must give a bond to insure faithful performance of his duties, and is required to take the usual oath of office.

(1) No person is eligible to hold the office of sheriff for more than four years in any period of six years. (2) Prior to the Constitution of 1851 the office of sheriff functioned by virtue of the Constitution of 1816. (3) The inception date of this office in Franklin County is 1811, the organization date of the county.

The sheriff is the conservator of peace within Franklin County. He may arrest without process all persons, who within his view commit any crime or misdemeanor, and hold them in custody during investigation of the cause of such arrest. He is required to suppress all breaches of the peace and has authority to call to his aid the power of the county; pursue and commit to jail all felons; maintain and preserve order in the courts of the county except justice of the peace courts. He also maintains the jail and takes care of the prisoners confined in it. (4) It is his duty to protect persons in danger of possible lynchings. (5) He makes arrests of all persons on indictments, warrants, affidavits, and upon information received from the prosecutor or the court, and commits them to jail. (6)

As a court officer of Franklin County he is required to make service of all process. (7) He sells mortgaged property on foreclosure proceedings; (8) executes deeds to real estate

sold on executions; (9) conveys persons committed to state charitable, correctional, or penal institutions; (10) and attends sessions of the county council (11) and the county commissioners, (12) and executes their orders.

All the records are located in the office of the sheriff, in the courthouse.

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| (1) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2801. | (8) Acts 1881 spec. sess.; Burns 3-1819. |
| (2) Const., art. 6, sec. 2. | (9) Acts 1881 spec. sess.; Burns 2-4101. |
| (3) Const., 1816, art. 4, sec. 25. | (10) Acts 1885; Burns 9-2832. |
| (4) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2802. | (11) Acts 1888; Burns 26-611. |
| (5) Acts 1905; Burns 10-5510. | (12) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 26-611. |
| (6) Acts 1905; Burns 9-1001. | |
| (7) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2803. | |

Executions and Reports
(See also entries 105-8)

144. REGISTER OF EXECUTIONS, 1925--. 1 vol.

Record of executions, showing date; names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys; date of judgment and return; costs; and fees charged. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

145. REGISTER OF FOREIGN WRITS, 1924--. 1 vol.

Record of sheriff's fees in serving foreign writs, showing date; nature of writ; dates received, served, and returned; costs; and total fees collected. Indexed alph. by names of counties. Hdw. 450 pp. 12 x 15 x 2.

146. JAIL REGISTER, 1936--. 1 vol.

Record of persons committed to county jail, showing date;
name, ~~of prisoner~~, number, age, sex, color, address, ^{and} court
order, reason for confinement, bail, and dates of sentence
and discharge; release number; days confined; and cost of board.
Indexed alph. by names of prisoners. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Fee and Cash Books

147. SHERIFF'S CASH BOOK, 1914--. 1 vol.

Record of receipts and expenditures of sheriff's office, showing
date; cause, book, page, receipt, and check numbers; names of
payer and payee; nature of service; disposal of fees; and costs.
Arr. chron. Hdw. 550 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

148. REGISTER OF SHERIFF'S COSTS, 1906--. 4 vols. (1-4).

Record of expenses of sheriff's office, showing date, names of
plaintiff and defendant, cause number, nature of writ,
mileage, service, docket fees, copy of return, and total costs.
Indexed alph. by names of defendants. Hdw. 550 pp. 18 x 13 x 3.

149. MILEAGE COSTS, 1933--. 1 vol.

Record of mileage in serving court writs, showing date, names
of plaintiff and defendant, cause number, title, number of
miles, costs, and fees. Arr. chron. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

VIII. CORONER

The coroner is a constitutional officer elected for two years without restriction on reelection. (1) He is required to post bond not exceeding five thousand dollars nor less than one thousand dollars. (2) The office was created before 1851 by virtue of the Constitution of 1816. (3) The inception date of this office in Franklin County is 1811, the organization date of the county.

The coroner is required to investigate deaths by violence, by accident, and of suspicious nature, and to determine the cause and manner of death. He holds inquests without a jury, (4) and may subpoena witnesses and employ a physician to make a postmortem examination, (5) filing his report and verdict with the clerk of the circuit court. (6) He is a peace officer with the same powers as sheriff, (7) and acts as sheriff in event of absence, vacancy, personal interest, or incapacity of that officer, (8) and serves warrants on the sheriff if necessary. (9)

The records are located in the clerk's office in the courthouse.

(1) Const. 1851, art. 6, sec. 2.

(2) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1933; Burns 49-2901.

(3) Const. 1816, art. 4, sec. 25.

(4) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1871, 1879 spec. sess.; Burns 49-2904.

(5) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2906.

(6) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts.

1879 spec. sess.; Burns 49-2909.

(7) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1933; Burns 49-2901.

(8) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2902.

(9) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2905.

150. CORONER'S INQUEST, 1911--. 4 boxes. .

Record of coroner inquests into sudden deaths, showing date, ~~time~~ ^{time of death} cause, ~~place~~ ^{death} and jury's return. No index. Bdw. 18 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$.

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IX. PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

The prosecuting attorney is a constitutional officer, elected in each judicial circuit for a term of two years. (1) He is required to post bond to be approved by the judge of the circuit court and filed with the clerk. (2)

Prior to the Constitution of 1851, the office of prosecuting attorney existed by virtue of an act of 1831. A prosecuting attorney for each judicial circuit was chosen by a joint ballot of the senate and house of representatives. (3) The inception date of this office in Franklin County is 1851.

It is the duty of the prosecuting attorney to inquire into the commission of any felony or misdemeanor received on information. (4) He conducts all prosecution for felonies and misdemeanors in Franklin County, all suits on forfeited recognizances, resists applications for changing names, protects interests of all persons of unsound mind, superintends on behalf of the county any of its trust funds, and defends all suits in which the same may be interested. (5)

The prosecuting attorney may take acknowledgments to deeds or other instruments in writing, administer oaths, protest notes and checks, take depositions of witnesses, and perform any duty now conferred on a notary public.

- (1) Const., art. 7, sec. 11;
2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns
49-2501.
- (2) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns
49-2502.
- (3) Rev. Laws 1831, ch. 10, sec. 1.
- (4) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852;
Burns 49-2503.
- (5) 2 Rev. Stat. 1852;
Burns 49-2504.
- (6) Acts 1919; Burns 49-2507.

No records could be found.

X. ASSESSOR

The office of assessor was created by an act of 1891. (1) This officer is elected for a four-year term, there being no prohibition against successive terms. Qualifications are established by law; He must be a continuous freeholder of Franklin County for not less than four years prior to the date of his election, and he must post a five thousand dollar bond, with two or more good freehold sureties approved by the auditor, who also administers the oath of office. His work is under the direction of the state board of commissioners, and he may be removed by that board, after a hearing, for incompetency, neglect of duty, or misconduct in office. (2)

The duties of the assessor are: To examine carefully the tax duplicates, to instruct and advise the township assessors, to review their returns, to assess omitted real and personal property, to appraise estates for inheritance taxes, to report to the state board any delinquencies of township assessors, (3) to examine public records, (4) and to set a value upon intangibles for taxation. (5) He is ex-officio member and president of the Franklin County board of review. (6)

All the records are located in the assessor's office in the courthouse.

(1) Acts 1891, ch. 99, sec. 112.

(2) Acts 1919; Burns 64-1101.

(3) Acts 1919; Burns 64-1102.

(4) Ibid.

(5) Acts 1933; Burns 64-905.

(6) Acts 1919, 1920 spec. sess.;
Burns 64-1201.

151. INTANGIBLE TAX APPLICATIONS, 1935--. 2 file boxes.

Intangible tax applications, showing date, name of applicant, tax amount, and assessed value of intangibles. No index. 13 x 10 x $4\frac{1}{2}$.

152. ASSESSOR'S COPY AUTO LICENSES, 1936. 1 file box.

Auto license cards, showing date, ~~year~~ ^{and} ~~make~~ ^{power}, address, and make and description of auto. No index. 13 x 10 x $4\frac{1}{2}$.

153. REPORT OF TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR, 1935--. 2 file boxes.

Periodic report of township assessor to county assessor, showing date assessments made, name of owner, location and description ^{of property}, appraised value, and assessed amount. No index. 13 x 10 x $4\frac{1}{2}$.

XI. BOARD OF REVIEW

By virtue of an act of 1919, Franklin County has a board of review for the annual review of assessments and the equalization of valuation of real and personal property. The board is composed of the assessor, treasurer, and auditor, ex officio, and two freeholders of opposite political parties, appointed annually by the judge of the circuit court. The assessor is president and the auditor is secretary of the board. (1).

From 1861 to 1891 the duties of reviewing and equalizing tax assessments were performed by a county board of equalization consisting of the county commissioners and four freeholders appointed by the circuit judge. (2) The law of 1891 superseded this act and created the board of review, composed of the treasurer, assessor, and auditor. (3) The act of 1919 reestablished the board, adding the two freeholder appointments to its membership. (4) The inception date of this board in Franklin County is 1891.

It is the duty of the board to make changes in the valuation of property in the township or any taxing unit within the township, and to determine the amount to be added or deducted in order to make an equitable equalization of taxes throughout the county. It also may redetermine the valuation of any particular tract or lot upon complaint of the owner. If the board shall find the aggregate assessment too high, too low, or unequal, it may set aside the assessment of the whole county, or of any township taxing unit

therein, and order a new assessment. (5)

The board also makes a general review of assessment lists to discover omitted property and to correct errors in the lists. It assesses the capital stock of corporations in the county, except those assessed by the state board of tax commissioners, such as railroad, telephone, and telegraph companies. (6)

All the records are located in the auditor's office, in the courthouse.

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| (1) Acts 1919; Burns 64-1201,
64-1205. | (4) Acts 1919; Burns, ibid.
(5) Ibid. |
| (2) Acts 1881, ch. 96, sec. 129. | (6) Ibid. |
| (3) Acts 1891, ch. 99. sec. 114. | |

154. RECORD OF BOARD OF REVIEW, 1915-35. 1 vol.

Minutes of meetings of board of review, showing date, names of members, meeting place, assessments revised, business transacted, and decisions of the board in assessment reviews. No index. Hdw. 400 pp. 16 x 11 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

XII. BOARD OF TAX ADJUSTMENT

The board of tax adjustment of Franklin County was established by an act of legislature in 1933 and consisted of seven members. (1)

By an act of 1937 the membership of the board was changed. One is a member of the county council, chosen by the council, one member is the mayor of the largest city in the county or any public official of the county appointed by the said mayor of the largest city of the county, one member of the county board of education selected by such board, and four freeholders of the county appointed by the judge of the circuit court. Not more than four members of such adjustment board can be members of the same political party. The board is empowered to serve for one year. (2)

It is the duty of the board to examine, and if it deems necessary, revise, change, or reduce, but not increase, any tax levy and any corresponding items of the budget on which the tax levies are based, and apportion the total of all of the levies so that the total levy on property within any municipal corporation for which the property therein is taxable, shall not exceed the total rate as provided by law. (3)

All the records are located in the auditor's office, in the courthouse.

(1) Acts 1933; Burns 64-304. (3) Acts 1933; Burns 64-304.
(2) Acts 1937, ch. 119, sec. 4.

155. COMMISSIONERS' RECORD, (Board of Tax Adjustment),
1933--. 1 vol.

Minutes of meetings of commissioners, showing date, names of members present, place of meeting, business transacted, and adjournment.

No index. Hdw. 500 pp. 10 x 12 x 3.

XIII. BOARD OF FINANCE

By virtue of an act of 1907, the board of county commissioners of Franklin County constitutes the board of finance. The auditor serves as secretary. It may sue and be sued in its own name whenever necessary to accomplish the purpose intended by its creation. (1)

The board of finance has charge of and controls the funds of Franklin County. (2) Its functions are to select the banks to serve as depositories for county funds and to apportion the funds among such depositories. In lieu of depositing county funds in the banks, the board may purchase United States Government bonds or other interest-bearing obligations of the United States Government or its instrumentalities. (3) The board receives monthly statements of county funds on deposit from the banks, (4) and may, as it sees fit, revoke the commission of any depository. (5)

The general assembly of 1935 repealed the act establishing this board, and in the same session in the Depository Act of 1933, reestablished the board of finance practically unaltered. The board has supervision of all public funds of the county, and the safekeeping and deposit thereof. (6)

All the records are located in the auditor's office in the courthouse.

(1) Acts 1907; Burns 61-606. (4) Acts 1907, 1931; Burns 61-616.
(2) Acts 1907; Burns 61-606. (5) Acts 1907; Burns 61-615.
(3) Acts 1907, 1932 spec. sess.; (6) Acts 1935; Burns, 1936 suppl.,
Burns 61-610. 61-628.

156. RECORD OF BOARD OF FINANCE, 1907--. 1 vol.

Record of depositories for public funds, showing date, names of depository and surety, general contract, and interest rate.

No index. 1907-Jan.2,1933, hdw.; 1933-35, typed. 432 pp. 16 x 11 x 2.

XIV. SCHOOL FUND BOARD

The county school fund board was created by an act of 1935. It consists of three members: the auditor and the clerk ex officio, and one member appointed by the judge of the circuit court for a two-year term, (1)

The duty of this board is to make all loans from the common school and the congressional township school funds to owners of real property secured by mortgage. This was formerly a duty of the auditor. The board must satisfy itself as to the value of real estate offered in the mortgage, the validity of the title, and whether it is encumbered. (3)

The record is located in the auditor's office in the courthouse.

(1) Acts 1935; Burns, 1936
suppl., 28-209.

(2) Acts 1835, 1935; Burns, ibid.

157. SCHOOL FUND MORTGAGE SPECIAL AFFIDAVIT, 1935--.

2 file boxes.

Mortgages approved by school fund board, showing date, amount of mortgage, name of mortgagor, real estate value, and date payment due. Arr. chron. 4 x 8 x 12.

For other school fund records, see entries 58, 190, 209.

IV. TREASURER

The treasurer is a constitutional officer, elected for a term of two years. No person is eligible to serve more than four years in any period of six years. (1) He is required to execute his official bond, in the penalty of not less than the amount of money which may come into his hands at any time during his term. (2) Prior to the Constitution of 1851 the office of treasurer was in existence by virtue of an act of 1817. (3)

The treasurer receives all moneys coming to Franklin County and deposits the same on the proper orders issued and attested by the auditor. (4) He keeps fee books and cash books. (5) He makes quarterly reports to the commissioners; (6) at the expiration of his term of office, he gives a sworn statement to the auditor, showing specifically the amount of fees collected, (7) and deposits with the auditor all orders redeemed. (8) He makes a monthly statement to the treasurer of state, (9) and collects all taxes. (10)

The laws of the state also place certain ex-officio duties upon the treasurer. He is a member of the board of review, (11) and has custody of county funds, although the depositories are chosen by the board of finance. (12)

All the records are located in the courthouse.

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| (1) Const., art. 6, sec. 2. | (8) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns |
| (2) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts | 49-3114. |
| 1865, 1919; Burns 49-3101. | (9) Acts 1859, 1861; Burns |
| (5) Acts 1817, ch. 17, sec. 1. | 49-1313. |
| (4) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns | (10) Acts 1919; Burns 61-1502. |
| 49-3103. | (11) Acts 1919, 1920 spec. sess.; |
| (6) Acts 1855; Burns 49-1401. | Burns 64-1201. |
| (8) Acts 1895, 1913; Burns | (12) Acts 1907, 1932 spec. sess.; |
| 49-3403. | Burns 61-610. |
| (7) Acts 1895, 1905, 1913; Burns | |
| 49-1402. | |

Tax Collections

158. TAX DUPLICATE, 1840--. 192 vols. ,.

Record of tax duplicates, showing date, name of taxpayer, description of realty and personal property, appraised value, polls, and amount assessed for taxation. Hdw. 250 pp. 17 x 24 x 2. 140 vols., 1840-1910, s. stg. rm., attic; 52 vols., 1910--, Tr. off.

159. INSOLVENT RECORD, 1877-1935. 3 vols. (1,1,1).

Record of dropped taxes, showing date, name of taxpayer, reason for dropping, amount of assessment, and taxes delinquent. Arr. alph. by names of taxpayers. Hdw. 450 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 1/2. Tr. off.

160. COLLECTIONS BY DEPUTY COLLECTORS, 1895-98. 1 vol.

Record of delinquent taxes collected by deputy collectors, showing date, name of property owner, amount of tax, and delinquency. Indexed alph. by names of taxpayers. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 1 3/4. Tr. vt.

161. TAX RECEIPTS, 1915--. 11 file boxes.

Duplicate tax receipts, showing duplicate number, date, amount, name of tax payer, and period covered by payment. Arr. chron. 13 x 10 x 4½. Tr. off.

162. AMOUNT OF INHERITANCE TAX, 1916--. 7 file boxes.

Title varies: Inheritance Tax Report.

Quarterly reports (on inheritance taxes) made to Indiana state auditor, showing date, ~~name of estate~~, names of heirs ^{and wife}, court order, amount of tax, discount, interest, appraiser's fee, and receipt number. No index. 13 x 10 x 4½. 6 boxes, 1916--; Assr. off., 1 box, 1936, Tr. off.

For other inheritance tax records, see entry 122.

Receipts and Disbursements

163. DAILY BALANCE OF CASH AND DEPOSITORY, 1910--. 8 vols. (1-8).

Record of cash on hand and in bank at close of each day, ~~made~~ during tax payment period, showing date, amount of current and delinquent taxes paid, daily receipts, and daily balance. No index. Hdw. 300 pp. 13 x 12 x 2½. Tr. off.

164. MONTHLY BALANCE, 1911-24. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of monthly balance of county funds, showing date of balance, name of fund, daily ^{and total} receipts and disbursements, total ~~receipts and disbursements~~, and balance at end of month. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 19 x 16 x 1. Tr. off.

165. TREASURER'S CASH BOOK, 1881--. 12 vols. (1-4, 2 vols. not numbered).

Record of tax payments and other cash receipts, showing date, ^{name of} payer, current and delinquent tax payments, miscellaneous payments, and total receipts. Indw. 200 pp. 16 x 11 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

6 vols., 1881-1906, w. stg. rm., attic; 6 vols., 1906--, Tr. vt.

166. REGISTER OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, 1872--. 16 vols.

(1-3, 1-3, 9-12, 6 vols. not numbered). Title varies:

1872-1911, Record of Expenditures.

Record of receipts and disbursements, showing date; name of payer, payee, fund, and account; credit and debit to fund and account; and total for month. Indw. 250 pp. 17 x 21 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Tr. off.

167. REGISTER OF WARRANTS AND OF DEPOSITORY, 1908--. 5

vols. (1-2, 1-2, 1). Title varies: Deposits and Withdrawals of Public Funds.

Record of deposits and withdrawals of public funds, showing date, name of bank, amount deposited, ^{and} ~~amount of loan~~ amount withdrawn, purpose, warrant number, and balance. Indw. 300 pp. 16 x 11 x 2.

1 vol., 1908-12, Tr. vt.; 4 vols., 1913--, Tr. off.

168. VOUCHERS, 1900--. 2 file boxes.

Treasurer's vouchers for county expenses, showing date; amount; names of payee, vendor and claimant; voucher number; and purpose. Arr. chron. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Tr. off.

School Fund (see also entries 53, 157, 199-206)

169. TREASURER'S RECEIPTS (SCHOOL FUND), 1852-1911. 11 vols.

Record of receipts for principal and interest on school fund

loans, showing date, name of payer, account, interest, principal, penalty, and receipt number. No index. Hdw. 250 pp. 17 x 11

x 1 5/4. 7 vols., 1852-99, attic stg. rm., 4 vols., 1899-1911,

Tr. off.

XVI. AUDITOR

The auditor is a constitutional officer, elected for a four-year term. (1) No person can hold the office for more than eight years in any period of twelve. (2) He is required to post bond in the amount of ten thousand dollars, approved by and filed with the county commissioners. (3) The inception date of this office in Franklin County is 1841.

This office is the center of county financial administration, and here the financial records of county business are preserved.

The auditor's principal functions are fourfold: As a county "controller", he keeps the accounts of the county and issues warrants for all claims, including those approved by the commissioners. (4) Ex officio he acts as clerk to the board of commissioners, (5) the county council, (6) and the board of tax adjustment, (7) and as secretary to the board of finance. (8) He is also a member and the secretary of the board of review. (9) As a tax officer, he prepares the official tax duplicates, (10) and certifies to the treasurer the amount of taxes due from banks. (11) As budget officer, he compiles estimates made to him by each county agency and submits them to the county council. (12)

Other routine duties are: Keeping a land transfer record book; (13) managing the common school and the congressional-township school funds as a member of the school fund board, (14) and apportioning semiannually the interest of these funds to the

school corporations; (15) preparing the ditto duplicate covering assessments for construction or repair of ditches and drains; (16) issuing peddlers' licenses (17) and public warehouse permits; (18) acknowledging deeds and mortgages executed for security of trust funds; (19) and approving bonds of township trustees. (20)

All the records are located in the courthouse.

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| (1) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3001. | (11) Acts 1933; Burns 64-810. |
| (2) Const., art. 6, sec. 2, | (12) Acts 1899; Burns 26-520. |
| (3) Acts 1899; Burns 49-3003. | (13) Acts 1919; Burns 64-1409. |
| (4) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-5005; Acts 1897; Burns 28-506. | (14) Acts 1865; Burns 28-104; Acts 1865, 1935; Burns, 1936 suppl., 28-209. |
| (5) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 26-611. | (15) Acts 1879; Burns 22-265. |
| (6) Acts 1899; Burns 26-609. | (16) Acts 1933; Burns 27-134. |
| (7) Acts 1933; Burns 64-304. | (17) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 42-204. |
| (8) Acts 1907; Burns 61-606. | (18) Acts 1875, 1879 spec. sess.; Burns 67-201. |
| (9) Acts 1919; 1920 spec. sess.; Burns 64-1201. | (19) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3011. |
| (10) Acts 1919; Burns 64-1403. | (20) Acts 1915; Burns 65-105. |

Audits and Reports

170. EXAMINER'S REPORT, 1918--. 3 file boxes. Title varies:

1929-34, Report of State Accounts; 1918, Recorder's

Annual Report to Board of Statistics.

Record of field examiner's reports, showing each officer's report to board of statistics as to condition of his accounts, total receipts and disbursements, and balance in fund and account.

Arr. chron. Hdwr. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. 1 box, 1929-34, Aud. off., 1 box, 1918-35, Recr. off., 1 box, 1930--., Clk. off.

171. AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE OF DISTRIBUTION, 1877--. 6 vols.
(2, and 5 vols. not numbered). Title varies: Register
of Apportionments.

Record of distribution of tax revenue, showing date, amount,
~~and~~ names of fund and account; distributions to the personal
county funds, and monthly balance. 2 vols., 1877-1912, no index;
4 vols., 1912--, arr chron. Hdw. 400 pp. 17 x 12 x 2. 3 vols.,
1877--, Aud. off., 3 vols., 191²--, Assr. off.

172. TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT, 1907--. 50 file boxes.
1909-25, missing.

Annual statement of township trustee to auditor, showing date of
report; names of payee, trustee and auditor; special tax
collections; disbursements; fund charged; and totals. Arr. chron.
13 x 10 x 4¹/₂. Aud. off.

173. TRUSTEE'S ACCOUNT BOOK, 1874-1913. 25 vols. (3, and
22 vols. not numbered). 1902-1909, missing. Title
varies: 1874-1899, Trustee's Reports; 1899-1913,
Trustee's Account Book.

Trustee's annual report to auditor, showing date, kind of
tax, nature and amount of service, receipt and warrant numbers,
and total amounts. 1874-1902, no index. 1909-13, arr. alph. by
names of instruments. Hdw. 260 pp. 12 x 12 x 1. 21 vols.,
1874-99, Aud. outer off.; 2 vols., 1899-1913, Aud. off.

Receipts and Disbursements

174. RECORD OF MONTHLY BALANCES, 1912--. 6 vols. (1-6).

Record of auditor's monthly financial statements, showing date, kind of fund, receipts and disbursements, and balance. No index. Hdw. 75 pp. 19 x 16 x 1. Aud. off.

For record prior to 1912, see entry 173.

175. AUDITOR'S FEE AND CASH BOOK, 1897--. 5 vols. (1-2, 1-1-2). Title varies: 1897--, Register of Fees and Cash Record.

Record of all fees and cash taken by auditor, showing date, amount, kind of fee, ^{name of payee} ~~from which~~, and total amount. No index. Hdw. 300 pp. 13 x 12 x 2. Aud. off.

176. LEDGER OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, 1834--. 28 vols.

Record of all county funds, showing amount posted, ~~and~~ balance of each account, receipts and disbursements, source of receipts, and amount and date of distribution. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 13 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. 20 vols., 1834-1910, attic stg. rm.; 6 vols., 1912-34, Ascr. off.; 2 vols., 1934--, Aud. off.

177. REGISTER OF RECEIPTS, 1911--. 4 vols. (1,3 vols. not numbered).

Record of receipts, showing date, names of payee, fund, and tax unit; number of receipt; kind of fund; amount; and total receipts. No index. Hdw. 250 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. Aud. off.

178. LEDGER OF RECEIPTS, APPROPRIATIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS,
1934--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of county appropriation accounts, showing date, amount, and additional appropriations, disbursements to fund, to what account charged, and balances. Arr. chron. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 16 x 3. Aud. off.

179. EXPENDITURE RECORD, 1876--. 8 vols. (8, 7 vols. not numbered). Prior to 1876, missing.

Record of all money paid by auditor for county expenses, showing date, names of payee and vendor, orders redeemed, and total expenditures. No index. Hdw. 700 pp. 18 x 16 x 3. 5 vols., 1876-99, Aud. pvt. off., 2 vols., 1899-1920, w. stg. rm., attic; 1 vol., 1920--, Aud. off.

180. AUDITOR'S WARRANTS, 1911--. 12 vols. (1-5, and 7 vols. not numbered).

Record of warrants issued by auditor, showing date, name of payee, amount, purpose, to what account charged, and to what fund credited. No index. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 14 x $3\frac{1}{2}$. 5 vols., 1911-23, n, stg. rm., attic; 7 vols., 1923--, Aud. off.

181. REDEEMED WARRANTS, 1903-14. 5 file boxes.

Record of canceled warrants returned by treasurer to auditor, showing date, amount, name of payee, purpose, and date redeemed. Arr. chron. Hdw. 13 x 10 x $4\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. off.

132. REGISTER OF ORDERS, 1841-72. 4 vols. (2, and 3 vols. not numbered).

Record of orders drawn on treasurer for county expenses, showing date, names of payee and vendor, purpose, and amount and nature of claim. No index. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. 2 vols., 1841-53, s. stg. rm., attic; 2 vols., 1853-72, Aud. off.

133. AUDITOR'S QUIETUS, 1911-24, 10 vols.

Record of certified receipts issued by auditor, showing date, name of payer, to what fund charged, amount, and number of receipt. No index. Hdw. 75 pp. 15 x 11 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. off.

134. AUDITOR'S QUIETUS, 1915-20. 3 file boxes.

Certified receipts issued by auditor, showing date, name of payer, purpose, amount, and receipt number. No index. Hdw. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. off.

Taxes

Appraisements

135. TRANSFER BOOK, 1858--. 79 vols. (2-7, and 74 vols. not numbered).

Record of real estate transfers, showing date, names of grantee and grantor, location, ^{description} ^{property} value of improvements, and assessments. Indexed alph. by names of owners. Hdw. 52 pp. 17 x 15 x 1. Aud. off.

186. APPRAISEMENT RECORD, 1859-73. 4 vols.

Record of real estate re-appraised, showing date, name of owner, location, ^{and} value ^{of real estate}, appraisal, and amount of assessment. Indexed alph. by names of owners. Hdw. 200 pp. 16 x 11 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. off.

Returns

187. AFFIDAVIT OF MORTGAGE INDEBTEDNESS, 1916--. 22 vols.

1919-21, missing.

Record of affidavits for mortgage exemptions, showing date, name of owner, location of property, amount of exemption, signature of assessor, and number of mortgage record. Indexed alph. by names of mortgagees. Hdw. 120 pp. 14 x 9 x 2. 10 vols., 1918, attic, c. rm.; 11 vols., 1916-22, Assr. off.; 1 vol., 1922--. Aud. off.

188. MORTGAGE EXEMPTIONS, 1908-33. 14 file boxes.

Mortgage exemptions, showing date, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, amount of exemption, ^{and} page, and mortgage record number. Arr. chron. Hdw. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. off.

189. SOLDIERS' EXEMPTIONS, 1924--. 6 file boxes.

Record of tax exemptions for soldiers and sailors on personal property and real estate, showing date, name, residence, kind and term of service ^{of soldier or sailor}, and amount taxed and exempted. Arr. chron. Hdw. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. vt.

Lists

190. ASSESSOR'S BOOK, 1850--. 1204 vols.

Record of assessments of personal and real property, showing date assessed; name, ~~of owner.~~ age, ^{and} address ^{of owner's} and property listed. Arr. alph. by names of owners. Hdw. 40 pp. 17 x 14 x $\frac{1}{2}$. 612 vols., w. stg. rm., attic; 70 vols., s. stg. rm., attic; 322 vols., Assr. off.

191. ASSESSMENTS, 1891--. 679 vols. (A-Z).

Record of appraisals and assessments of real and personal property, showing date, appraised value, description, improvements, polls, and total valuation for assessment. Arr. alph. by names of owners. Hdw. 250 pp. 14 x 4 x 1 $\frac{3}{4}$. 481 vols., 1871-1928, s. stg. rm., attic; 198 vols., 1928--, Assr. off.

192. TOWNSHIP ASSESSMENT LISTS, 1907--. 111 file boxes.

Lists of township assessments of real and personal property, showing date, name of owner, list of all real and personal property, polls, and total amount. Arr. chron. Hdw. 13 x 10 x $4\frac{1}{2}$. 1907-10, s. stg. rm., attic; 1910--, Aud. off.

193. TAX LISTS, 1926-27. 1 file box.

Tax payers' lists, showing date of assessment, name of owner, appraised value, and amount assessed. Arr. chron. 13 x 10 x $4\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. off.

Delinquent and Erroneous

194. REGISTER OF TAX SALES, 1841--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Register of sales of land and lots for delinquent taxes, showing date, names of owner, purchaser, town and village; description^{and} location of property, township, section, range, town; quantity sold, and purchase price. No index. Hdw. 350 pp. 17 x 12 x 2. Aud. off.

195. TAX CERTIFICATE OF SALE, 1932--. 2 file boxes.

Certificates of tax sales, showing names of owner and purchaser, date of sale, judgment amount, costs, and notice of sale. Arr. chron. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. off.

196. AUDITOR'S DEEDS, 1934--. 1 file box.

Deeds held by auditor in delinquent tax actions, showing date, recorded, name of owner, location, ~~and~~ description^{and value} of property; ~~value~~, and book and page number of deed record. Arr. chron. Hdw. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. off.

197. CERTIFICATE OF ERROR, 1928-33. 3 vols.

Record of taxes charged erroneously, showing date, name of owner, nature^{and amount} of error, ^{and} omission or duplication, ~~and amount of error~~. No index. Hdw. 100 pp. 14 x 5 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. off.

Plat Books

198. ASSESSOR'S PLAT BOOK, 1875--. 195 vols.

Record of re-assessments of land in each township, showing date, name of owner, section, range, and description. No index.

Hdw. 35 pp. 16 x 10 x $\frac{1}{2}$. 93 vols., 1875-1922, westg. rm., attic; 102 vols., 1922--, Aud. vt.

School Funds
(See also entries 58, 157)

199. SCHOOL FUND'S LEDGER, 1891--. 3 vols.

Record of receipts and expenditures, showing date, names of payer, fund and account; amounts ^{principal, interest,} and penalty; original source of payment; ~~principal and interest~~; disbursements to county funds; and itemized expenditures. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 16 x 12 x $\frac{1}{2}$. 2 vols., 1891-1927, Assr. off., 1 vol., 1927--, Aud. off.

200. REGISTER OF RECEIPTS SCHOOL FUNDS, 1911--. 1 vol.

Record of receipts, showing date, name of payer, to what fund charged, source of payment, and to what account credited. Arr. chron. Hdw. 250 pp. 16 x 12 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. off.

201. REGISTER OF SCHOOL FUND LOAN, 1891--. 6 vols.

Record of loans made from school fund, showing date, name of borrower, loan number, amount, principal and interest, description and location of security, to what fund credited, amount paid on loan, and balance due. No index. Hdw. 300 pp. 16 x 12 x $2\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. off.

202. SCHOOL FUND MORTGAGE, 1865--. 26 file boxes (A-Z).

Original mortgages held as security for loans from school fund, showing date recorded, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, amount, and location and description of property. Arr. chron. Hdw.

13 x 10 x $4\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. off.

203. INTEREST ON SCHOOL LOANS, 1857-1933. 4 vols.

Record ^{of} ~~gives~~ interest collected on school fund loans, showing date, name of mortgagor, description of property, amount paid, principal, interest, and balance due. No index. Hdw. 175 pp.

13 x 12 x $1\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. off.

204. APPLICATION TO PAY, 1913-24. 7 vols. (1-7).

Record of certified receipts issued by auditor for quietus, showing date, names of payer and fund, amount, interest, and claim and warrant numbers. No index. Hdw. 100 pp. 14 x 11 x $1\frac{1}{2}$.

Aud. off.

Official Bonds
(See also entries 24-25)

205. BOND RECORD, 1906--. 4 vols. (A-D).

Record of bonds posted by county officials, showing date; names of official, surety and witnesses; and amount. Indexed alph. by names of officials. 1906-32, ndw.; 1933--, typed. 250 pp.

16 x 11 x $1\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. off.

206. TRUSTEE BONDS, 1926-35. 4 file boxes.

Record of township trustee's bonds posted, showing date sworn, names ^{and addresses} of official and surety, ~~addresses~~, and amount of bond.

Arr. chron. Hdw. 13 x 10 x $4\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. off.

For prior records, see entry 172.

207. ASSESSOR'S BONDS, 1926-35. 4 file boxes.

Record of assessor's bonds posted, showing date, names ^{and addresses} of assessor, and surety, ~~addresses~~, and amount of bond. Arr. chron. Hdw.

13 x 10 x $4\frac{1}{2}$. Aud. off.

For prior records, see entry 172.

Miscellaneous Records

208. ENUMERATION BOOK, 1866-1931. 63 vols.

List of all males over twenty one years of age, showing name, age, and address. Arr. alph. Hdw. 40 pp. 14 x 9 x $\frac{1}{2}$. 59 vols., 1866-1925, attic stg. rm., 4 vols., 1925-31, Assr. off.

XVII. REGISTRATION OFFICER

By an act of the legislature in 1933, the clerk of the circuit court is designated as ex-officio registration officer of the county. He has full charge and control of the registration of voters and appoints as many deputies as are necessary to do the work. (1) The inception date of this office in Franklin County is 1934.

The clerk of the circuit court, as ex-officio registration officer, is required to provide all the necessary books and paraphernalia for the registering of voters. (2)

All the records are located in the clerk's office, in the courthouse.

(1) Acts 1933; Burns 29-306. (2) Acts 1933; Burns 29-309.

209. REGISTRATION BOOKS, 1934--. 69 vols. (A-Z for each year).

Record of voters for each precinct, showing dates of registration and moving; registration number; name, ~~of voter~~, residence, ^{and} former address, ^{and} ~~and~~ page number of register. Arr. chron. Hdw. 100 pp. 18 x 12 x 1.

210. REGISTRATION BOOKS (CANCELATIONS), 1934--. 4 vols. (A-D).

Record of cancelations for persons ineligible to vote, showing registration and page numbers; name, ~~of elector~~, residence, ^{and} former address, ^{and} ~~and~~ date of moving, and reason for not voting. Arr. chron. Hdw. 100 pp. 18 x 12 x 1.

211. RECORD OF ABSENT VOTERS, 1936--. 1 vol.

Record of applications from absentee voters, showing dates of application, mailing, and ^{receiving} of ballot; name ^{and} ~~of voter,~~ residence ^{of voter,} and address to which ballot was sent. Arr. by twp. and precinct no. Hdw. 150 pp. 16 x 13 x 2.

XVIII. BOARD OF PRIMARY ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

The primary election commissioners were provided for by an act of legislature in 1915. They consist of the clerk of the circuit court, and two persons appointed by him, one from each of the two major political parties; each of whom is nominated in writing by the chairman of the county central committee of the two political parties respectively. It is their duty to prepare and distribute the primary ballots and generally supervise the primary elections. (1) The canvass of the primary votes is done by the county board of canvassers. (2) The inception date of this office in Franklin County is 1916.

All the records are located in the clerk's office in the courthouse.

(1) Acts 1915, 1917; Burns 29-504. (2) Acts 1915; Burns 29-560.

212. ELECTION PAPERS, 1880--. 51 file boxes.

Papers concerning elections. Contains: Election Papers, Primary, entry 213; Election Papers, General, entry 217. Arr. chron. 13 x 10 x 5. 1880-1931, attic stg. rm.; 1931--, Clk. off.

213. ELECTION PAPERS, PRIMARY, 1916--. In Election Papers, entry 212.

Papers of elections, and expenditures made, showing date, names of candidates and members of board, notices of voting places, number of ballots used, and expense.

214. ELECTION RECORD, 1890--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Election returns. Contains: Election Record, Primary, entry 215; Election Returns, entry 216; Election Record, General, entry 218. Arr. by townships, thereunder chron. 1890-1920, hdw.; 1921--, typed. 550 pp. 12 x 13 x 3.

215. ELECTION RECORD, PRIMARY, 1916--. In Election Record, entry 214.

Statistical record of primary elections, by statements, showing date; names of candidate, office, political party, and township; ^{and} numbers of ward, precinct, and votes for candidates for each party.

XIX. BOARD OF CANVASSERS

By an act of 1905, the legislature constituted the board of election commissioners a board of canvassers. They are required to canvass and estimate the certificates, poll lists, and tally papers. (1) The further duties of the board are: To tabulate the votes, record them in the poll books, and file them, together with the tally papers and certificates, in the office of the clerk. (2) The board selects its own chairman, and the clerk of the circuit court acts as clerk of the board, (3) and the board declares the election winners by a statement of certification. (4) The inception date of this office in Franklin County is 1906.

The records are located in the courthouse.

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| (1) Acts 1905, 1927; Burns 29-1401. | (3) Acts 1905; Burns 29-1402. |
| (2) Acts 1905; Burns 29-1404. | (4) Acts 1905; Burns 29-1405. |

216. ELECTION RETURNS, 1906---. In Election Record, entry
214.

Statistical record of elections, showing date, names of candidates and members of board, office, number of votes cast for each candidate, and tabulation.

XX. BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

By legislative enactment in 1889, the board of election commissioners was created. It consists of the clerk of the circuit court, and two persons appointed by him, one from each of the two major political parties; each of whom is nominated by the chairman of the county central committee of the two political parties respectively. This board is appointed annually and serves without pay. It prepares and distributes ballots for the election of county officers. (1) The inception date of this office in Franklin County is 1890.

The board's duties are: To print ballots; to receive petitions to place candidates' names on the ballots; and to receive certificates of nominations by convention or primary election. (2)

The records are located in the courthouse.

(1) Acts 1899; Burns 29-1002. (2) Acts 1899; 1933; Burns 29-1003.

217. ELECTION PAPERS, GENERAL. In Election Papers, entry 212.

Papers of elections and expenditures, showing date, names of candidate and members of board, nature of voting place, number of ballots used, and expense.

218. ELECTION RECORD, GENERAL. In Election Record, entry 214.

Statistical record of general election at polls, by statements, showing date, names of candidate, office, political party, and township; ^{or} numbers of ward, precinct, and votes for candidates of each party.

XXI. BOARD OF EDUCATION

The educational system of Indiana had its beginning back in 1818, and since then it has undergone several changes.

The legislature in 1818 provided for the appointment by the county commissioners of a superintendent of schools for each congressional township. (1)

By legislative enactment in 1824 the school system was administered by three township school trustees, who were elective. (2)

The school administrative system was changed by the legislature in 1833. By this new act the election of a school commissioner was prescribed. (3)

In 1852 the legislature provided that the township trustees should serve as a board of school trustees in each civil township. (4)

By legislative enactment in 1865 three school trustees were elected by the common council of each incorporated city and the board of trustees of each incorporated town to administer the school system in conjunction with the township trustees of each civil township. (5)

By an act of 1873 the county board of education was created. The board was comprised of the county superintendent of schools, the township trustees of the county, and the school trustees of each city and town of the county. (6)

By legislative enactment in 1877 the membership of the board was changed to consist of the county superintendent of schools, the township trustees, and the chairman of school trustees of each city and town. (7)

The duties of the board are to take care of the general needs of the schools, maintenance of school property, and purchase of furniture, books, maps, charts, and other supplies. (8) Its powers also include appointment of a county attendance officer upon nomination of the county superintendent. (9) The board may purchase text books from publishers and sell them to pupils at cost. (10)

All the records are located in the office of the superintendent of schools, in the courthouse.

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| (1) Acts 1818, ch. 49, sec. 1. | (6) Acts 1873, ch. 25, sec. 3. |
| (2) Acts 1824, ch. 97, secs. 1, 2. | (7) Acts 1873, 1877; Burns |
| (3) Acts 1833, ch. 70, sec. 3. | 28-801. |
| (4) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, ch. 98, | (8) Ibid. |
| secs. 4, 8. | (9) Acts 1921, 1932 spc. sess.; |
| (5) Acts 1865, ch. 1, secs. 4, 5. | Burns 28-501. |
| | (10) Acts 1921; Burns 28-613. |

219. MISCELLANEOUS RECORD, (Board of Education), 1850--.

4 vols.

Record of board of education proceedings, showing date, names of ~~members~~ ^{of members}, addresses, ^{of members} nature of business transactions, and disposition.

No index. Hdw. 500 pp. 16 x 12 x 3.

XXII. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

In 1865 the legislature provided for a school examiner to be appointed by the county commissioners. (1)

By legislative enactment in 1873, the act of 1865 was amended, and the school examiner's title was changed to "county superintendent of schools". He was appointed by the township trustees to serve for a term of two years. (2)

In 1899 the legislature extended the term of office of the superintendent of schools to four years, and also provided that he be elected by the township trustees. The act required that he post bond with the auditor to insure faithful performance of his duties as prescribed by law. (3) The inception date of this office in Franklin County is 1873.

The superintendent exercises general supervision of the schools of Franklin County. He visits each township institute once each school year and conducts teachers' county institutes. He carries out the orders of the state board of education and the state superintendent of public instruction. (4) He is required to make a report as to teacher's preparation, experience, and license before being hired by the school trustees. (5) He makes out the basis of apportionment of school revenues from the enumeration of pupils. (6) He receives statements for school aid relief from school and township trustees. (7) He is ex-officio member and president of the board of education. (8).

All the records are located in the office of the superintendent of schools, in the courthouse.

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| (1) Acts 1865, ch. 1, sec. 33. | (5) Acts 1927, 1933; Burns |
| (2) Acts 1873, ch. 25, sec. 2. | 28-4309. |
| (3) Acts 1899, 1911, 1913; Burns | (6) Acts 1865; Burns 28-715. |
| 28-702. | (7) Acts 1933; Burns 28-903. |
| (4) Acts 1899; Burns 28-704. | (8) Acts 1873, 1877; Burns 28-801. |

Activities and Reports

220. SCHOOL DIRECTORIES, 1843--. 5 boxes.

Documentary record of school statistics, showing date; names of teachers, pupils and school; and number of pupils in each ^{school and} grade ~~and school~~. Indexed alph. by names of schools. 14 x 9 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$.

221. TRUSTEES' FINANCIAL REPORT TO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT, 1884--. 20 file boxes.

Financial report of expenditures for various schools, showing date, name of school, ^{and} amount of salaries and supplies. No index. 14 x 9 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Enumerations

222. ENUMERATION, 1884--. 20 file boxes.

Enumeration of school children, showing date; names of ^{child} children, parents, and school; age, sex, and color, ^{and} place of birth, ^{child} and number in family. No index. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Teachers

223. TEACHERS' STANDING RECORD AND SUCCESS GRADES, 1884--. 20 boxes.

Documentary record of teachers' standing and success grades,

showing date, names of teacher and college, number of credits, years of experience, and date of license. No index. 13 x 10 x $4\frac{1}{2}$.

Pupils

224. BIRTH RECORD, 1884---. 5 boxes.

Documentary record of pupils entering schools, showing date, names of pupil and parents, date and place of birth ^{of pupil,} and number ^{children} of pupils in family. No index. 13 x 10 x $4\frac{1}{2}$.

225. RECORD OF COMMON AND HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES, 1884--.

20 boxes.

Documentary record of common and high school graduates, showing date, ~~names~~ of pupil and school, date ~~of~~ birth, ^{and entrance in} ~~date pupil entered~~ school, and grades or credits received. No index. 13 x 10 x $4\frac{1}{2}$.

XXIII. HEALTH OFFICER

By legislative enactment in 1881, a county board of health was established and was required to elect a secretary who acted as the health officer for each town and city, and the county. (1)

In 1891 the legislature amended the act of 1881 and enlarged the duties of the health officer, who acted through the board of health. (2)

The health commissioner was provided for by an act of the legislature in 1909, and in the same act a repeal clause repealed the act creating the county board of health. The health commissioner is elected by the county commissioners to serve for a four-year term. (3) The health commissioner must be a licensed physician. (4) The inception date of this office in Franklin County is 1881.

By an act of 1935 the title of county health commissioner was changed to county health officer, who is appointed by the county commissioner with the approval of the state board of health, to serve four years. The county health officer must be legally qualified to practice medicine, suitably trained in sanitary science, and his qualifications must be satisfactory to the state board of health. He is required to enforce the health laws of the state and enforce all the rules of the state board of health. (5)

It is the duty of the health officer to enforce the health laws; to record and report vital statistics, such as births, deaths,

and marriages; to make sanitary inspections of all public and private buildings in regard to sources of diseases; to establish quarantine and take all reasonable means to protect the public health; to close schools and churches; and to prohibit public assemblies to prevent epidemics. (6)

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| (1) 1921 Rev. Stat., sec. 4993. | (5) Acts 1935; Burns 1936 |
| (2) Acts 1891, ch. 15, sec. 8. | suppl., 35-118. |
| (3) Acts 1891, 1909; Burns | (6) Acts 1891, 1909; Burns |
| 55-108. | 36-111. |
| (4) Acts 1891, 1909; Burns | |
| 35-110. | |

Vital Statistics

226. RECORD OF BIRTHS, 1882--. 8 vols.

Record of births, showing date, names of child and parents, sex, color, residence, post office address, and parents' occupation. Indexed alph. by names of children. Hdw. 110 pp. 17 x 11 x 1. Dr. E. M. Glasier's off.; Brookville, Ind.

227. RECORD OF MARRIAGES, 1882--. 6 vols.

Record of marriages, showing date; names of bride, groom, and witness; ^{and} residences and occupations. ^{bride + groom X} Indexed alph. by names of brides and grooms. Hdw. 100 pp. 16 x 10 x 1. Dr. E. M. Glasier's off., Brookville, Ind.

For other marriage records, see entries 26-27.

228. RECORD OF DEATHS, 1883--. 8 vols.

Record of deaths, showing names of deceased, date and place of birth and death, occupation, and certificate of death. Indexed alph. by names of deceased. Hdw. 100 pp. 16 x 10 x 1. Dr. E. M. Glasier's off., Brookville, Ind.

229. HEALTH DEPARTMENT, 1927-28. 1 file box.

Health officer's monthly report of school children, showing date; *and* names ~~of pupil~~, age, and ^{*date of pupil*} health. ^{*pupil*} No index. 13 x 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Aud. off.

XXIV. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

The board of public welfare of Franklin County, created in 1936 by an act of the legislature, consists of five persons having a recognized interest in and knowledge of the problems of public welfare. The board members are appointed by the judge of the circuit court; at least two members must be women and not more than three members may be adherents of any one political party. (1)

Subject to the rules and regulations of the state department of public welfare, the board is charged with the administration of assistance to dependent children in their own homes, old age assistance, services and assistance to persons otherwise handicapped, the care and treatment of dependent, neglected, and handicapped children, children in danger of becoming delinquent, and such other welfare activities as may be delegated to it by the state department of public welfare, under the provisions of the act, including services connected with assistance to the blind. (2)

The director, who is appointed by the board of public welfare of Franklin County under the supervision of the circuit court, performs the functions of probation officer and agent of the court. (3)

All jurisdiction vested in county boards pertaining to welfare work was transferred to the board of public welfare upon its organization in 1936. (4)

All the records are located in the courthouse.

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| (1) Acts 1936 spec. sess.; Burns
1936 suppl., 52-1118. | (3) Acts 1936 spec. sess.; Burns
1936 suppl., 52-1119, 52-1120. |
| (2) Acts 1936 spec. sess.; Burns
1936 suppl., 52-1120. | (4) Acts 1936 spec. sess.; Burns,
1936 suppl., 52-1408. |

230. MINUTE BOOK, 1936--. 2 vols.

Minutes of the board's regular and call meetings, showing date, names of applicants for old age and blind assistance, amount, disposition, ^{and} nature of ~~and~~ and action on other business. Arr. chron. Hdw. and typed. 250 pp. 14 x 12 x 2. Assr. off.

231. GENERAL INDEX, 1936--. 1 file box.

General card index to welfare records, showing date, names of applicants and general subjects, kind of ledger, and page number. Arr. alph. by names of titles. 10 x 5 x 5. Assr. off.

232. REGISTER OF APPLICATIONS, 1936--. 1 vol.

Register of applications for assistance for the blind, aged, and dependent children; showing date, serial number, names of applicant and investigator, dates completed and ~~date~~ effective, if granted or denied, and number of award certificate. Arr. chron. Hdw. 150 pp. 9 x 15 x 1. Wfr. off.

For other old age assistance applications, see entry 16.

233. CASE RECORDS, 1936--. 2 file boxes.

Documentary record of old age and children's assistance, showing date; case and serial numbers; name, ~~of applicant~~, age, color, ^{and} place of birth, ^{applicant;} reason for applying; and disposition. Arr. by serial nos. 30 x 16 x 10. Assr. off.

234. LEGAL OPINIONS, 1936--. 1 file box.

Legal opinions ^{to the board} as to action of ~~the board~~ rendered on applications, to ascertain legal rights in granting old age pensions, showing

date; ^{amount} names of applicant's relatives; names of corporations, county officials, physicians, and government officials.

Arr. by serial numbers. 30 x 16 x 10. Assr. off.

235. RECOMMENDATION OF CO(UNTY) DIRECTOR, 1936--. 1 vol.

Record of director's recommendation to welfare board, showing date, name of applicant, type and serial numbers, amount, and disposition. No index. Hdw. 75 pp. 16 x 11 x 1. Wfr. off.

236. RECORD OF ASSISTANCE GIVEN AGED PERSONS, 1936--.

1 vol.

Record of applications for old age assistance, showing dates of application, withdrawal or grant; date effective; code, serial,

certificate, and withdrawal numbers; name of applicant; residence, ^{sex, color,}

^{and} date and place of birth, ^{of applicant;} ~~sex, color,~~ and amount of assistance

granted. Arr. chron. Hdw. 550 pp. 14 x 8 x 4. Wfr. off.

237. RECORD OF ASSISTANCE GIVEN, 1936--. 1 vol.

Record of assistance given dependent children, showing date,

application and serial numbers, name ~~of child~~ ^{and}, residence ^{of child},

monthly award, and revocation or cancelation. Arr. alph. by

names of applicants. Hdw. 200 pp. 12 x 16 x 1. Wfr. off.

238. REGISTER OF ASSISTANCE, 1936--. 1 vol.

Register of assistance to the blind, showing names of applicants

and visitors, dates of application and filing; action taken,

serial number, description of applicant, and award or rejection.

No index. Hdw. 150 pp. 10 x 18 x 1. Wfr. off.

239. RECEIPT BOOK OF PAYMENTS OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, 1936--.

2 vols.

Record of assistance granted, showing date of award, name ^{and address} of applicant, ~~address~~, amount of award, and warrant and serial numbers. Arr. chron. Hdw. 250 pp. 18 x 8 x 1. Assr. off.

240. CLAIM REGISTER, 1936--. 1 vol.

Record of claim accounts, showing dates of appropriation and claim, name of claimant, amount allowed, balance in appropriation, and overdraft. Arr. chron. Hdw. 200 pp. 16 x 12 x 1. Wfr. off.

241. CERTIFICATE OF CLAIMS, 1936--. 1 vol.

Record of claims of county board submitted to the Indiana State Department of Public Welfare, for assistance awards, and current expenses, showing names of those awarded assistance and of vendors, amounts granted, balance in appropriation, and amount of appropriation. Arr. chron. Hdw. 150 pp. 12 x 16 x 1. Wfr. off.

242. REGISTER OF CLAIMS FILED AND APPROVED, AND WARRANTS ISSUED, 1936--. 1 vol.

Record of claims for expenses of the board, showing date of claim, amount, and warrant number. Arr. chron. Hdw. 200 pp. 14 x 10 x 1. Wfr. off.

243. RECEIPT BOOK, RECOVERY, 1935--. 1 vol.

Record of money recovered on property for assistance given, showing date, names of payer, ~~names of~~ county, and state, amount of money recovered, purpose, and receipt number. Arr. chron. Hdw. 175 pp. 10 x 20 x 1. Wfr. off.

244. MONTHLY STATISTICAL REPORT, 1936--. 1 vol.

Report to the state welfare department/ of assistance awarded for old age; blind; and dependent children; showing summary of applications, name of individual to whom assistance was given, date, and description. No index. Hdw. 100 pp. 20 x 12 x $\frac{3}{8}$. Wfr. off.

XXV. SURVEYOR

The surveyor is a constitutional officer, elected for a term of two years without restriction on reelection. (1) He must give bond in a sum fixed by the board of county commissioners. (2) Prior to the Constitution of 1851 the office of surveyor was in existence by virtue of an act of 1818. (3) The inception date of this office in Franklin County is 1817.

The surveyor has charge, under direction of the county commissioners, of all surveying and civil engineering work of the county, including the preparation of plans and specifications for, and supervision of, the construction of all bridges, turnpikes, or other roads, ditches, drains, and levies. (4) He also has charge of the repair and maintenance of county highways, (5) unless the county commissioners employ a highway supervisor. (6) The county commissioners may employ the surveyor to serve as highway supervisor. (7)

For private parties, he takes acknowledgment of mortgages and deeds for conveyance of real estate, (8) and, upon request, establishes lines and corners of lands and lots. (9)

The surveyor may employ deputy surveyors to assist in performing the engineering duties of the office. (10)

All the records are located in the surveyor's office in the courthouse.

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| (1) Const., art. 6, sec. 2; 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3301. | (7) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1110. |
| (2) Acts 1913; Burns 49-3302. | (8) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1857; Burns 49-3317. |
| (3) Rev. Laws 1931, ch. 102, sec. 1. | (9) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1875; Burns 49-3311. |
| (4) 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1911; Burns 49-3309. | (10) Acts 1891, 1899; Burns 49-3306. |
| (5) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1101. | |
| (6) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1113. | |

Surveys and Reports

245. SURVEYOR'S RECORD, 1848--. 3 vols.

Descriptions of sections and quarter sections, corners, monuments, bearing trees, course, distance, and corners of subdivisions; showing ~~range~~ ^{hikes} town ^{range}, ~~section number~~ and plats of each section. No index. Hdw. and drawings. 650 pp. 18 x 13 x 3½.

246. SURVEYOR'S ROAD CONSTRUCTION FILES, 1900--. 24 file boxes.

Files of petitions and surveys. Contains: Road Surveys, entry 247; Gas Record, entry 248; Petitions, entry 249; Cost of Upkeep of Roads, entry 250. Arr. chron. 13 x 10 x 4½.

247. ROAD SURVEYS, 1900--. In Surveyor's Road Construction files, entry 246.

Surveyor's road construction files, showing date, name of road, condition, and miles of roads in county.

248. GAS RECORD, 1900--. 24 file boxes.

Record of cost and upkeep of road machinery used by county highway department, showing cost of oil, gasoline, grease, and repairs.

Construction Plans and Specifications

249. PETITIONS, 1900--. In Surveyor's Road Construction Files, entry 246.

Petitions from land owners for repairs on new roads, approved by commissioners, showing date, estimated cost, description of construction, and specifications.

250. COST OF UPKEEP OF ROADS, 1900--. In Surveyor's Road Constuction Files, entry 246.

Surveyor's records of materials used for the upkeep of roads, bridges, drains and culverts in county; showing date, locations, amount of work performed, number of hours ^{and men} required to do work, ~~number of men~~, and total cost for labor and material.

XXVI. HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR

In pioneer times the roads were maintained by the local authorities. The citizens usually worked out their road taxes by giving a certain number of days labor, furnishing their own teams. The township road superintendent had charge of the work performed. This system prevailed for nearly a half a century.

In 1879 the legislature constituted the county commissioners a board of turnpike directors, each serving as supervisor in his own district. (1) In 1913 the county highways were placed in charge of a superintendent of highways, who was appointed by the county commissioners for a term of two years. (2) Some records bear his title. This office was abolished in 1933, (3) and the powers and duties conferred on the surveyor. (4)

In order to provide for necessary supervision of highways in counties warranting more attention than the surveyor can give, the board of county commissioners has the right to appoint, at its option, a highway supervisor whose term of office is discretionary with the board of county commissioners. (5) The board of commissioners of Franklin County has appointed a highway supervisor.

The highway supervisor oversees the maintenance and repair of all highways, bridges, and culverts of the county, (6) and has authority to fix the limits of loads carried over them. (7) He must attend the annual road school at Purdue University. (8)

All the records of this office are located in the auditor's office, in the courthouse.

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| (1) Acts 1879, ch. 115, sec. 1. | (5) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1110. |
| (2) Acts 1913, ch. 330, sec. 1. | (6) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1103. |
| (3) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1113. | (7) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1102. |
| (4) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1101. | (8) Acts 1933; Burns 36-1110. |

251. ROAD RECORD, 1915--. 3 vols. (1-2, and 1 vol. not numbered). Title varies: 1931-35, Highway Supervisor's Ledger of Expenses.

Record of all expenses for the upkeep of all county roads and highways, including construction of new roads; showing date, location of road, damage, survey for new roads, report of viewers, estimated cost, and kind and amount of material. Indexed alph. by names of roads. Hdw. 250 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

XXVII. AGRICULTURAL AGENT

The office of agricultural agent was created by the legislature in 1913. This act provided that an agent should be appointed upon petition by the residents of the county. (1) The inception date of this office in Franklin County is 1918.

By legislative enactment in 1937 the office of agricultural agent was created for every Indiana county. The agricultural agent is appointed by the director of agricultural extension service of Purdue University, subject to the approval of a state board, entitled county agricultural agents board. The qualifications of the agricultural agent are prescribed by the board. (2)

The county council is required to appropriate not less than one thousand dollars annually to be used in paying office help, expenses of the agent, mileage, rent, or other incidentals. The salary of the agricultural agent is paid by the state through Purdue University.

The duties of the agricultural agent, under the supervision of Purdue University, are: To cooperate with movements for the advancement of agricultural and country life, with farmers' institutes, farmers' clubs, and other rural and civic organizations; to conduct practical and farm demonstrations, boys' and girls' clubs and contest work; to give advice to farmers on practical farm problems; to aid the superintendent of schools and teachers of the county in giving practical education in agriculture and domestic science. (2)

All the records are located in the office of the agricultural agent, in the courthouse.

- (1) Acts 1913, 1923, 1927; (2) Acts 1937, ch. 224, sec. 1.
Burns 28-4911.

252. SOIL CONSERVATION, 1934--. 1 vol.

Record of soil conservation, showing date filed, file number, name and address of landowner, location of land, amount of soil conservation permitted, use of land for crops, average held out, and acres cultivated. Indexed alph. by names of twps. Hdw. 200 pp. 12 x 10 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

253. TUBERCULIN TEST AND RESULTS, 1927--. 1 file box.

Record of cattle listed for tuberculosis, showing date of test, names and addresses of owner and veterinarian, breed of cattle, number tested, number of reactions, and number approved. Indexed alph. by names of owners. 21 x 17 x 12.

254. BLOOD TEST FOR BANG'S DISEASE, 1935--. 1 file box.

Record of tests made for Bang's Disease, showing names and addresses of owner and veterinarian, location of farm, date of test, and number of reactions. Indexed alph. by names of owners. 21 x 17 x 12.

255. LEDGER (RECORD OF 4H CLUB MEMBERS), 1920--. 4 vols.

Record of 4H Club members, showing date of entrance into classes, names and ages of members, part taken by members, purpose of club, performances, and list of prize winners. No index. Hdw. 150 pp. 10 x 6 x 1.

256. COUNTY AGENT'S REPORT, 1933--. 2 vols.

Record of the agent's answers to queries by farmers of the county, showing date of report, research made, ~~and~~ final findings, and advice to producers. No index. Hdw. 350 pp. 12 x 8 x 2.

257. ANNUAL NARRATIVE REPORT, 1925--. 12 vols.

Report to Purdue University Agricultural Extension Service, showing projects, attendance at meetings, number of demonstrations, farms visited, and a summary of results accomplished by projects. Arr. chron. Hdw. 100 pp. 11 x 10 x $\frac{1}{2}$.

